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CHAPTER 116

DICE GAMBLING

Paktos.

A merchant city within the Mercouri Territory.

It is a very diverse town with many people and money gathers.

Iris and I went there.

Iris is wearing adventurer clothes hiding the fact that she is Princess Iris.

I clad myself with a cloak with the two Demon Swords dangling on my sides.

"This is where the fake notes came from huh"

"It is, according to Delfina"

"However, that woman has only found out that it is coming from Paktos, but how will we search for it?"

"I have something in mind"

"Really?"

Iris took attention.

I have a favorite pattern in these kinds of situations.

Money laundering of the fake notes, or a place where people who do not have money suddenly comes out with tons of money.

That is—.



I shook... the hand of the lookout with a few coins as bribe and entered the building. We entered underground once, passed through a winding underpass, and went up. And then, we arrived at a different room.

It is fairly wide, but there were so many people making the room's atmosphere worse instead.

It had smoke several times of that of a mahjong parlor and several times darker. It was that kind of room.

"This is the gambling den huh"

Iris asked while covering her nose and mouth.

As a princess, she probably had never experienced such a bad environment.

"Looks like it"

There were several crowds inside the room and each of them are doing their own gambling.

They were doing the same thing in all groups, they are dice-gambling.

"This kinds of things surpasses worlds and are common huh"

"Did you say something?"

"No, it's nothing"

I just feel a little impressed.

"Rather than that, is there a clue here?"

"Yeah. Gambles are the best way to circulate money without going through the form of goods. In this kind of place, tons of money moves and even so, it would be difficult to track. Gambling itself is being regulated by Mercouri right?"

"Yeah, we have issued twelve bans in the past three years"

"And the result?"

"...there was nothing much"

Iris said frustratingly.

Well, of course. A situation where they need to release bans so frequently, it just shows that there was no effect.

It is probably frustrating as the Princess Iris of the Twin Flowers who is engaged domestic affairs.

"Don't be discouraged. I'll also take care of this sometime in the future. Let's focus in our current case first. A place where the Kingdom's influence is hard to reach. Isn't it a place that is the best for moving money from unknown sources?"

"I see, that's true"

Iris nodded in understanding.

"Well then, let's wait for the clue to come while gambling"

"Is it not faster to just ask them?"

"They'll get cautious if we do that"

I said that and joined one of the groups.

I forced my way into the front line.

There is the dicer man in the middle and have two bodyguard-seeming guys on his sides.

The dicer took a glance towards me.

"Are you doing?"

"Yeah, what's the rule?"

"You can tell just by looking"

After the dicer said that, he skillfully scooped up the two dices with a pot woven with wood bark, and shook it in the air.

And "Don!", he slams it overturned onto the ground, and the dices sounded "GaraGara" again and finally stopped.

After that, the gamblers started to bet odd and even one next to the other.

What they're using are the newly issued Mercouri notes.

The pot was opened.

"One • Three, Even" Half of the customers won, and half of them were frustrated. "It's like that" "I got it pretty much" "Are you doing it?" Iris asked me with a whisper. "Yeah" I took out Mercouri notes and started to gamble, mixing in with the gamblers. I could hear Hikari's cute, excited voice inside my head. Hikari is enjoying inside of my head. [Even! Next is even] [Next is... odd!] [Next is odd! No, it's even after all] I placed my bet in the dice game following Hikari's voice. I won decently, but I've lost in the total. [U~n, this, it's difficult] [It is not like there is no sure-win method] [Is that true, Okaa-san?!]

[Umu, I mean, if this guy wanted to, he would win for sure]

[Is that true, Otou-san?]

I could feel Hikari's thrilled emotion and her excited voice.

Well, yeah, if I'm asked whether I could win or not, I could win.

[Oh~, as expected of Otou-san. But how will you do it?]

Let me see, just look.

The pot was shaken, the dices stopped.

Odd.

I predicted in my head.

I bet in even.

The pot was removed, it's odd.

[0h~]

The pot was shaken, the dices stopped.

This time it's even.

I also bet on even this time.

The pot was removed, it's even.

[Waa~! Amazing. Otou-san, how did you do it?]

I just concentrated and listened to the dices' sound.

All of the dices have a different number of holes in each side. One of them would hit the floor for sure—it means, you can tell pretty much what's coming by listening.

It is nothing much if you have hearing that is multiplied 777 times.

Although I predicted it correctly 100%, I repeated winning and losing in the actual bet.

I try to lose consecutively from time to time and then take back a little.

I did not forget to fake it that I'm losing in total.

Anyways, I continued the objective of not standing out.

A man sat on my side. The dicer made an amazed face.

"You came again?"

"Shut up, this time I'm gonna win for sure"

"That's fine, but do you really have the money? We only accept cash bro"

"Look"

The man threw out folded paper notes as if to show it off.

"Do you have any problem?"

"Not at all"

The dicer skillfully scooped the dice and slammed it onto the floor upturned while it continued to shake.

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I know.

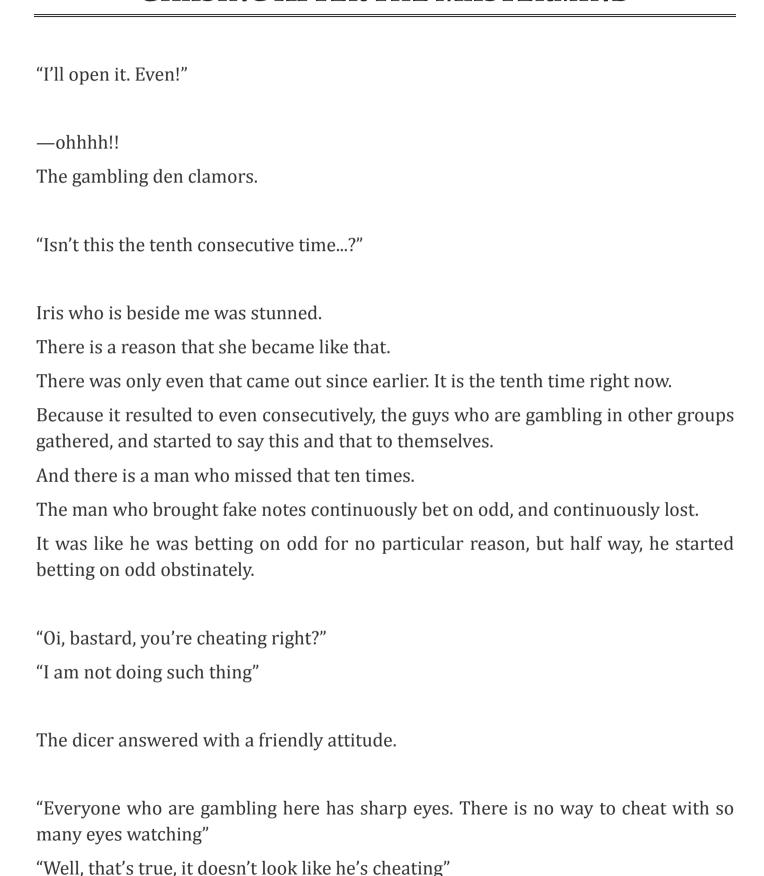
I already saw it even if Eleanor doesn't tell me.

The Mercouri notes that the man took out.

They were fake notes that did not have one of the [Kakeru Yuuki].

The clue, I finally found you.

CHAPTER 117 CHASING AFTER THE MASTERMIND



"There are more than a hundred people watching here. We should be able to tell if he's

doing something"

The surrounding guys said. The fake notes guy clicked his tongue resentfully. [He's not, cheating it seems] [Is that so?] [Umu] The mother and daughter chatted. I also agree with Eleanor. They are not cheating in the sense of tricking people. That's for sure. "Next! Come on, next!" "Alright... I'll start" The fake notes guy prompted, and the dicer shook the dice. *Don*, the pot was slammed to the floor, and the dices stopped. And then, the fake notes guy quickly said. "It's odd! I'm sure it's odd this time!" He took out more money and bets on odd. "Odd!" "I'll bet on odd too!" "Odd should come out this time" And following him, the other guys started to bet on odd.

Well, I get how they feel.

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"Hey"
Iris whispered to me quietly.
"What?"
"It isn't cheating right?"
"Yeah, it's not"
"I see..."
Iris thought for a bit.
"Even"
And bet on the opposite of the surroundings.
She gathered the surrounding's attention.
After odd had come out for ten consecutive times, the surroundings betted on odd,
and only Iris betted on even.
She didn't bet that much, but she stood out because she was the only one.
"Oi oi, there's no way that it would be even this time"
"That's right. There's no way that it would continue that much unless he's cheating"
"What an idiot"
They showered sneers.
If there was no cheating happening, there is no way that it would be even again after
even came out ten consecutive times.
I get the logic, I get it, but.
[Iris-jou, she's good]
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Yeah.

I agreed with Eleanor.

There was no cheating, if so, Iris's judgment that it would be even again for the eleventh time is.

"I'll open it. Even!"

After a moment of silence, the answer naturally came together with the chaos surrounding it.



In the end, the fake notes guy left the gambling den without winning even once. Iris and I went out, following him.

"Let's follow him"

"Of course. But wait a second"

I stopped Iris who was rushed to chase after the guy.

"What is it?"

"It would be all for nothing if we were found right?"

"That is true, but... ahh! He turned corners. Let go"

"Just listen"

"We'll lose him if this continues! If that happens, it would be all for nothing like you said!"

"Leave it to me. I did the same thing in the past"

"The same thing?"

"I can hear that guy's footsteps, I can tell what course he's walking through"

"Footsteps?"

Iris looked around.

Various sounds are overflowing within the crowd.

Chatting voices, lifestyle sounds, there was also the sound of a messenger horse rider that passed by in such timing.

"You can tell his footsteps with this?"

"I can"

I showed a clear nod.

Soon after I came to this world, I had an experience of following someone. I also followed that time by hearing their footsteps.

Unlike that time, I am now used to using my abilities better so I can create the route that the opponent has passed through just by listening to their footsteps.

I can trace them even without following after them.

"That's amazing... you aren't a man successful only on battlefields huh"

"That impression isn't that wrong too"

"...no wonder Aneue is infatuated"

She whispered somewhat profoundly.

I ignored it because it would only complicate things if I poke into it right now.

And while that happened, the footsteps finally stopped, so I told Iris.

"He stopped. Let's go"

"Yeah"

Iris nodded. Her expression became solemn.

I led her and started to walk.

I walked following the route that was made by the footsteps I picked up in my head.

We turned several corners, passed through the middle of the town, and came out to the opposite side. The atmosphere changed drastically. That place was like the slums.

The buildings are unsightly and dirty and there are people with ragged clothes sitting here and there.

They stared at me and Iris but we ignored them.

After going through a winding street and entering a complex path, we stopped in front of a certain building.

It's a wooden flat house and wind seems to pass through it very well.

"Is it here?"

I nodded to Iris.

"Yeah, he entered here"

"Is there other people inside?"

"There's none. There is only one person's sound of movement and presence"

"I got it. If so, I'll go"

"Are you sure?"

I looked at Iris with widened eyes.

"Leave it to me"

Iris said that and entered inside with high spirits.

I stayed where I'm standing and let her do what she wants because in this distance, I can intervene anytime in case something happens.

I heard arguing voices from inside. It's Iris's and the fake notes guy's voice.

Iris cornered the fake notes guy and questioned him.

The man attacked instead. He blows a fuse and punches towards Iris.

But, he was immediately suppressed by Iris.

From how it sounded, she dodged his punch and then twisted his arm.

The man quickly surrendered and said "I'll talk, I'll talk okay!"

[She's quite good]

"Yeah"

[Well then, shall we move as well]

"I guess so"

[Fue?]

While Hikari was puzzled, I took out the warp feather, and warped half-way the path we passed through before coming here.

There was a man who waits and sees from the shadows in the distance, and I appeared behind that man.

"Don't move"

"—!!"

I threatened him, poking his back with the Demon Sword's handle.

The man reacted quickly, raising both of his hands immediately.

[A-re? This person's the one shaking the dice earlier]

Hikari said.

That's right, this man is the dicer.

I questioned the man that I poked from earlier with a low voice.

"Why did you collect the fake notes?"

The man flinched.

There was no cheating. The man used his skillful technique and perfectly controlled the outcome of the dice he shook.

And the fake notes guy spat out the fake notes that he had without winning even once. I questioned the dicer why he targeted that man.



CHAPTER 118

BODY MOVED BEFORE THINKING

"How did you know I was following you?"

"Stop answering questions with questions. I can tell that much just by your footsteps. I heard your footsteps when you were following us"

"I erased my footsteps"

"Complete silence doesn't exist in this world. It's your turn now. Why did you collect it?"

"There is no need to answer"

"I'll force you to talk"

"Try me"

The dicer distorted his face to a smile.

Unlike his friendly attitude when he was in the gambling den, his face became ferocious.

And, he moved his fingers.

"He~"

I placed my hand on the Demon Sword, then stopped.

I saw something in front of me.

I stared at it narrowing my eyes.

I saw something very thin in the air.

"Transparent string... I see, string user huh. From how it looks, it's sharp, so you're probably a controller type, but a slasher type using the string huh"

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"When did you spread it? One, two, three..."

I pointed at it while counting.

The dicer's eyebrows flinched every time I pointed at one.

[There's a total of 12 huh]

"It's 13. There's one there that's really hard to see in that open space there. It's a twostaged preparation that would lead the opponent to that gap in the encircling net, but the real threat is there"

[Mu!]

"What?!"

Eleanor who groaned being unable to see through the last one and the dicer that was dumbstruck.

From his expression, it looks like the string and its intention were all right on the mark. I remembered something and asked the dicer.

"I'll ask one thing. You, are you Delfina's subordinate?"

"...I don't know that moneymonger Homers"

The dicer spat out as if he spoke about the enemy of his parents.

Moneymonger huh.

Unfortunately, that's what I like about her.

Like Helene who comes up with strategies, Io who chants magic, and Delfina who talks about profits.

I love that appearance of hers when she is very lively the most.

Well, leaving that aside.

If he's not one of the guys who started collecting the fake notes in Delfina's orders, there's no need to give mercy.

"U-U000000!!"

The dicer spread out both his arms and moved around his ten fingers.

The strings that were spread all over started waved, and came slashing while releasing wind cutting sounds.

The strings tore the already tattered houses in the surroundings, and stone and wood debris flew around.

I drew out the two Demon Swords under my cloak.

I cut off the howling strings with speeds that surpass them.

"Impossible, the string coated by almars powder, so easily"

"Well then, what's next?"

"Ku!"

The dicer turned around and started to run away.

"I won't let you escape"

I caught up with him, and I released a full swing to the back of his head with Eleanor's flat part.

The dicer was blown away and plunged into the ground face first, and stopped moving.

[Did you kill him?]

Hikari asked.

"I held back. He should wake up after a while"

I approached the dicer, opened my different dimension warehouse, took out some rope, and tied up that unconscious guy.

[Well then, what will you do? There is no doubt that this guy's involved though]

"However, this guy, he's probably just some small fry"

[Well, I guess so]

"Should I torture him and make him speak?"

[That is an advanced delicate work in itself. If you were to try to torture someone, almost everyone would become a vegetable in an instant"

That might be true.

Well then, if so, what should I do?

"You were here. Oh? What's up with this?"

Iris came.

She dragged the tied up fake notes guy behind her.

He was being dragged while sliding on the ground. It looks like he does not have consciousness.

Iris came up to me and looked down on the dicer.

"This man... isn't he the one in the gambling den earlier?"

"Yeah"

"As I've thought, he came huh"

"As you've thought?"

"The instant that this fake notes man appeared, even came out 11 consecutive times, on top of that, he made such results intentionally. It was better to think that he is either involved, or knows something"

"I guess so"

It looks like Iris also thought what I thought of.

"By the way, he wasn't Delfina's subordinate"

"I see"

Iris nodded, and casually took out a small cylindrical something from her pocket.

And then, when she held it up, "Pyuuu—!", something was shot up to the sky with the

sound of a high-pitched whistle.

"A signal rocket?"

"With this as a signal, it is arranged that my subordinates suppress the gambling den from earlier"

"When did you do that?"

"When we went out of the gamble den"

"As expected of you huh"

"I want to ask of you one thing"

"Tell me"

"Kakeru has good eyes and ears"

"That's right"

"Can you find some people who reacted strangely after finding out and seeing the gambling den being suppressed? If that would lead us to something, I want to drag all of it at once"

Iris's eyes while she asked that were full of expectations.

[A two-staged preparation. This girl, she's good]

Eleanor was unusually impressed.

"I can"

"Can I ask you to do that?"

"It's a ship that already embarked"

"Thank you. If so, let's go. Let's observe the gambling den from a distance"

"Yeah"

I nodded.

In an instant, I felt something cold on my back.

I don't know what it is, I can't see anything, and can't hear anything as well.

But, I can feel it, there's something.

And what I suddenly saw was the man who should've lost his consciousness moving his finger.

"U00000!!"

My body moved before thinking.

I drew out the two Demon Swords, stood in front of Iris as if to protect her, and made the swords dance.

The weaving lightning fast net that the dark Demon Sword released, in there, *Putsun*, there was just one response.

Hikari slashed that.

[Wa~, an invisible string~]

[I couldn't see it]

...me too.

He was hiding such a last resort huh.

I felt a little chilly.

I swung my sword and chopped off both of the dicer's arms. It should be alright with this.

"Thank you, well then, let's go"

Iris said without being perturbed.

She knew what just happened, but she was not perturbed at all.

A solemn face that really looks good on her.

My body moved before thinking.

When I noticed it, I was kissing her lips.

CHAPTER 119 A GOOD WOMAN WITHOUT A DOUBT

"W-W-W-Wha..." She became red like a boiled octopus and her mouth opened and closed like a goldfish. Iris who was suddenly kissed was surprised to death. "What is it?" "W-What your what! What are you doing so suddenly?!" "I kissed you" "I'm not talking about that!" "You were a such a good woman, so I kissed you" "I-I'm not talking about that!" Iris stutteringly negated. Then, what is it about? "I-I'm someone who will be betrothed to Aegina Kingdom you know! But you—" "It's rather that" I interrupted Iris's words halfway. "I said that I'll stop that" "Stop... it's true that you say that, but..." Iris made a bitter face.

"Why, are you concerned with me that much?"

"I don't have the disposition of letting a good woman in front of me, just to give her to another man"

"But, I'm—"

"All of the good woman are mine"

I declared bluntly.

I took only the simple and necessary parts, and pointed those words towards Iris.

No matter which part of it is removed, it is a line that cannot be misunderstood.

Iris who was told that got stunned.

Soon after, her face became red again.

"W-Why, someone like me..."

I answered instantly hearing Iris's faint voice.

"We're going on circles. Don't make me say it so much. All of the good women are mine. That's why I'll stop your marriage, and kiss you"

"I'm a... good woman?"

"You are. I'll guarantee it"

Iris calmed down. She calmed down, and steals glances at me while looking down a little.

Her face is faintly red, a calm red.

She seemed like a simple maiden.

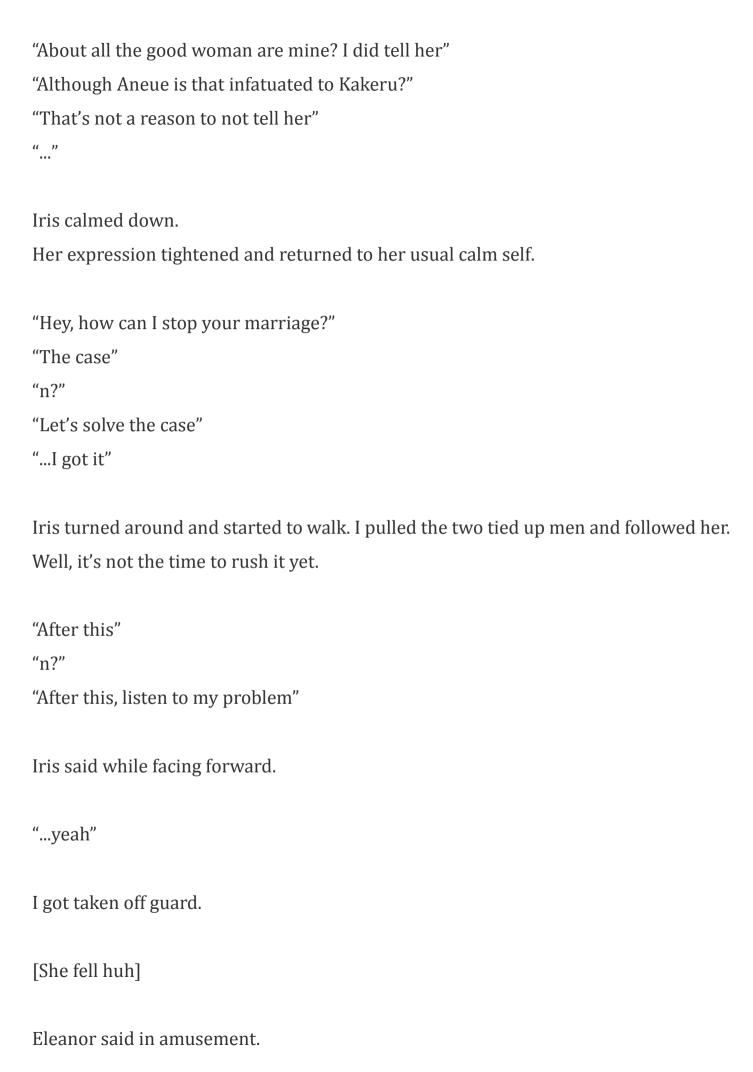
Iris who is being called as one of the Teresia's Twin Flowers is good, but this isn't bad in itself.

Iris made up her mind while stealing glances at me and asked.

"Did you..."

"n?"

"Did you tell Aneue that as well?"



[Otou-san]

We started walking and Hikari who was silent up until then talked to me.

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"What is it?"
[Is Hikari a good woman?]
"..."
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I couldn't help but stop on my feet. My jaw dropped.

A line that I did not expect. A question that I do not know how to answer.

Eleanor continued to laugh out inside my head seeing me unable to answer instantly.

CHAPTER 120

THE FLOWER IRIS

Watching from a distance from the gambling den, there were some guys running away from a distant building.
The buildings weren't connected though.
"It's probably them"
"Their movements are too easy to tell. Another underground path huh"
"I'll leave it to you, Kakeru"
I followed them with Iris.
I followed them relying on my ears and reached a building on the outskirts of the town
It was quite a good mansion, and there were also rough-looking gate guards in the front.
"Is it there?"
"I'm sure that they entered there. It's also noisy inside. Also"
"Also?"
"I smell violence"
"It's not your nose huh"
I silently nodded. It would be more of how the atmosphere feels.
"What do you think?"
Lasked Iris

"...let's charge in. While they haven't destroyed the evidence yet"

"Yosh"

"I'll leave the front to Kakeru. I'll go from the back"

"I got it. Are you alright by yourself?"

"It's fine.... I'm not a woman who is just protected"

"I see"

She's still as stubborn as usual.

After confirming that Iris took a long, roundabout path, I also went from the front.

"Stop! Who are you!"

The tough-looking gate guard asked what and who.

I drew Eleanor and Hikari, and divided the man into four.

Guys swarmed out of the mansion.

[Well then, let's do it]

[Hikari will do her best too!]

Eleanor who laughed with pleasure and Hikari who completely grew up like a Demon Sword.

I clad myself with the dark cloak aura and slashed forward with the two.

"E-Enemy attack!"

"Wait, this guy's..."

"The Abysmal Twin Swords... the Demon Sword Wielder?"

"H-Hiiiiiiiii!!!"

There were those who were courageous to step forward, but there were also those who crawled away with weak knees.

I slashed those guys without mercy.

[Look how overprotective you are]
"What are you talking about?"

[Kukuku]

Eleanor continued to laugh in pleasure.

I greatly appealed myself as the Demon Sword Wielder, lured the enemy, and slashed forward.

I walked through the garden of corpses and entered the mansion.

[Well, what would you do?]

"There's a sound coming from there"

I heightened my hearing and advanced deeper into the mansion.

What came was

[A-re~, it's a dead end?]

[What useless ears those are]

"No, it's under this"

I stabbed Eleanor to the ground.

A hollow sound without substance was made.

I pulled the sword and touched it as if to search around.

There was a lever. I pulled it at once.

[A hidden staircase huh. From how it looks, an underground prison huh] "Let's go"

I walked down the stairs.

There was a room there when I got down.

Inside the room lit by a magic light, there was one boy.

The boy was using magic on the things that seem to be Mercouri's paper notes.

He's in the middle of engraving crests.

"I see, this is the site of the forgery huh"

[There should be no mistaking it. The problem is, why is that boy able to use that magic]

"Hey, you, why are you—"

"Don't come!"

Only one step and it was stopped by the boy's call.

It was a voice of desperation, at one's wits' end.

"Don't be scared"

Hikari returned to her human form and kindly talked to him.

"Otou-san is not a bad person"

"It's not that, I didn't mean that. This!"

The boy pointed at his neck. There was a collar.

A suspicious light is flashing repeatedly in the center of the collar.

"This, they said it's a magic that would explode if a person I don't know gets near!"

"Something like that exists?"

[Yes it does]

Eleanor answered promptly.

"That's why, don't come here"

Hikari looked up to me with a troubled face.

"Return to a sword, Hikari. I'll do something about it" "Un!"

Hikari returned to her Demon Sword form.

Well then, what should I do?

"It's useless even if you think of it"

I heard a man's voice from behind.

I turned around, and saw a middle-aged man wearing a merchant's outfit walking down the stairs.

He is showing a smile, but the blade scar that cut across his left eye emphasizes that he's not a person like his smile shows.

"You're the mastermind?"

"That is right. I'm Galassimos Cichi"

"Where did this boy came from?"

"Which answer would you like to receive? Is it whether he is a small hammer that we forged, or a secret child of the King?"

Galassimos grinned.

"The King's secret child?... I see, that's why he's able to use the royal family's magic" [Kukuku. No wonder that little girl didn't know]

Eleanor laughed in glee.

"That's right"

"Immediately remove the collar's magic"

A voice sounded from behind Galassimos, and at the same time, a sword was pointed to his neck.

The one who appeared was Iris.

She was unusually showing a face of anger and glared at the man from behind. She was listening huh.

"Remove?"

"Hurry up, if you still care for your life"

"Alright"

Galassimos reached out his hand while grinning.

"Don't do anything weird?"

"I only need to remove it right?"

After saying that, Galassimos used magic.

The next instant, the collar in the boy's neck started to brighten.

...its flashing light got faster, and the light became more wicked.

It was a phenomenon that was far away from the image of "remove".

"What did you do?"

Iris seemed to have noticed as well. She questioned the man with a strong tone.

"You told me to remove it after all. That is something that would absolutely explode when worn. It has only two effects, it would either explode when a person not in the settings approached, or explode after being activated"

"Y-You meant by removing it is..."

"I removed the stopper that stops the explosion"

"Stop it right away!"

"It's useless, I told you that. It's a magic that only results into explosions"

"You bastard! You placed such thing on a child!"

"Of course. That would be the greatest evidence. It is natural to erase it when time comes right?"

"Ku!"

Iris groaned.

Galassimos looked at me with a hideous smile and said with a friendly tone.

"It would be better if you go away you know, Demon Sword Wielder. It is a magic that would explode from the center of the flashing collar. You'll get caught in it if you stand there"

"The place you're standing in is the safety zone huh"

The man crooked the corner of his mouth.

"Well, if you wish to bond with him for the last time, I won't stop you. It won't explode since it's near the countdown"

"I see"

I approached the boy.

The boy was terrified, sat on the ground, and peed.

He did not even react even though I approached him. He was that scared.

"I'll just say this. It will instantly explode if you destroy it"

"Instantly, huh"

[Are you going to do it?]

"Do you think I can?"

[If it is you]

[Otou-san, do your best!]

The mother and daughter sent cheers from my head.

I placed a hand on the collar and pointed Hikari on her Demon Sword form on it.

"...one-two!"

I used the warp feather the instant I cut the collar.

I warped to Orycuto's valley.

The master of the valley, Orycuto, was startled seeing me.

"Ahh~, sorry. Well, you won't die if it's you"

The next instant after I said that, the collar I'm holding exploded.

It was a condensed explosion.

Explosive flames and impact whirled within a radius of 2 meters, but nothing happened outside of that.

The explosion stopped.

"Geho, geho"

The sand whirled by the explosion entered my mouth, and I coughed.

That was all.

[Unscathed huh]

"All thanks to you"

The instant it exploded, I clad myself with the dark cloak aura.

I completely used the aura from the two for defense.

I focused only for that, so I was unscathed.

On the other hand, Orycuto was crushed and destroyed into pieces.

Although he's regenerating, he was shattered. "Sorry for getting you involved" I apologized with a few words and returned to the mansion using the warp feather. "W-What..." The man was stunned. He seems like he could not understand what just happened. "Kakeru! Are you alright?" "It was quite strong. It would've been instant death if it wasn't me" Iris was relieved in a moment, then glared at Galassimos. "You, you put such thing on an innocent child!" She got furious and sent out her back fist. Galassimos was hit by it directly and was blown away, crashing into the wall. "I-Impossible. If it comes to this—" Galassimos reached out his hand towards the boy again. He tried to do something, something to erase the evidence.

I expected it and quickly got in between them.

I clad myself with the mother and daughter aura, and emphasized without words that I won't let him do anything anymore.

"...ku! Damn it!"

Galassimos cursed. On his side, Iris looked down at him with cold eyes.

"Prepare yourself, you shall be executed without a doubt"

"You'll put him to trial?"

"Umu"

Iris nodded.

Iris said that he would be executed without a doubt, but there would still be a trial huh. What a tedious thing to do.

[Isn't that very like her. As a person engaged in national affairs, she must take procedural justice]

Hmm.

I see, engaged in national affairs huh.

I looked at Iris. She was so enraged that she looked like she would spit out fire from her eyes.

"Iris"

"What?"

I chopped Galassimos' head.

His head was severed from his neck and blood spurts like a fountain.

The boy screamed and fainted. Iris stared at me with narrowed eyebrows.

"What are you doing?"

"It's my motto to kill bastards when I see them"

When I said that, although Iris seemed complicated, she somewhat, showed a satisfied expression.



I went outside with Iris.

I put down the boy who still hasn't gained his consciousness to the ground.

Iris stood in front of me and looked straight at me.

"Thank you, Kakeru. The case was solved thanks to you"

"It's solved with this?"

"Yes"

Iris turned around. Her subordinates that finally came swarmed inside.

I thought, I can leave the rest to her.

"Really, thank you so much"

"Don't mind it"

"Also... thank you"

"Un?"

She told me thanks with a somewhat different tone.

Her expression changed.

There existed not Princess Iris, but just Iris.

A girl who flushed her cheeks.

Her tone became very soft.

"Can I ask, one more thing?"

"Yeah"

I guessed what she would tell me.

"Please... break my engagement"

Iris who relied on me looked very cute.

I pulled her into an embrace and kissed her lips.

"Leave it to me"

I planned to do that from the start.

CHAPTER 121 TOGETHER WITH WIFEY

"And so, what do I need to do? What do I need to do to destroy the idea of you getting married away" "T-There's an easy way" Iris's face blushed even more and said stutteringly. "K-Kakeru only need to make me his" Embrace her, huh. "I only need to do that? Why? Explain it to me that I understand" "...I got it" Iris made a solemn face. "Aegina Kingdom's harem is famous for being [deep]" "Deep? It doesn't mean that it's underground right?" Iris nodded and added.

"It's deep. It is famous because no matter the identity of that woman is, she would never leave that harem once again. Especially those of the King's or Crown Prince's. There was no one recorded in history that has left from that place"

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"Ah! It's probably different from what Kakeru's thinking right now. They just cannot get out. There would be lots of court ladies that would be given in the harem, and those who entered would be able to live a luxurious life without inconvenience. For example,

they can get fruits that are out of season with just a simple word"

"He~"

"However, they cannot leave there"

"Why is that?"

"There are two ostensible reasons. One is, since they are the consort of the King or the Crown Prince, they should not get involved with other men. It is so that the royal family's blood would remain pure. Since it is the woman who would give birth to their inheritor, it is for the best to not let her get involved with other men"

"I see. Eunuchs and court ladies would only be the ones entering the harem other than the King huh"

"In Aegina, they even remove eunuchs. After all, there are those who feign that they are castrated. It will absolutely not happen with just women"

"I see"

"Another reason. For about 100 years ago, in Aegina, the Queen at that time replaced the King and took the helm of the state, used the country for her whims, and made it decline. From then on, the actions and authority of the Queen was very limited, and only exists in the harem"

"I see"

"I-In short"

Iris who have smoothly explained until then stuttered with a red face.

"Those women who are someone else's, cannot enter the harem in the first place" [Only virgins are gathered to protect their pure blood. It is quite natural]

"It's like that huh. Un, I'm completely convinced now. It's simple and easy to understand"

"Then—"

"But, I refuse"

"Eh?"

Iris was dumbstruck.

"W-Why?"

"Doing that means that the engagement will be broken because [you are no longer suitable because you became damaged goods] right?"

"That's true..."

"Even if it is for that, I cannot endure letting my woman get treated as [damaged goods] "

"Kakeru..."

Iris got teary eyed.

[Kukuku, do you want me to tell you good way?]

"What is it?"

[It's simple. You only need to exterminate Aegina's royal family completely]

Eleanor said interestingly.

"I see, that's really simple"

"N-No, you must not. I don't know what you're thinking, but you must not do that"

[What sharp girl]

"I mustn't?"

"You mustn't... you had that kind of face"

[Kukuku]

"I won't do that, but what should I do?"

"Uhm... can we ask the Great Sage for advice?"

"Althea?"

Iris nodded.

"I just thought that if it's the Great Sage Althea, she might know a good way"

"Yosh, let's go to Althea then. We'll go instantly so grab on"

I reached out my hand.

Iris happily took my hand.

When I was about to warp after taking out the warp feather.

[Otou-san. The King's wifey, only the King can meet her?]

"Un? Are you talking about earlier? Well, that's right"

[Then, it's the same with Hikari]

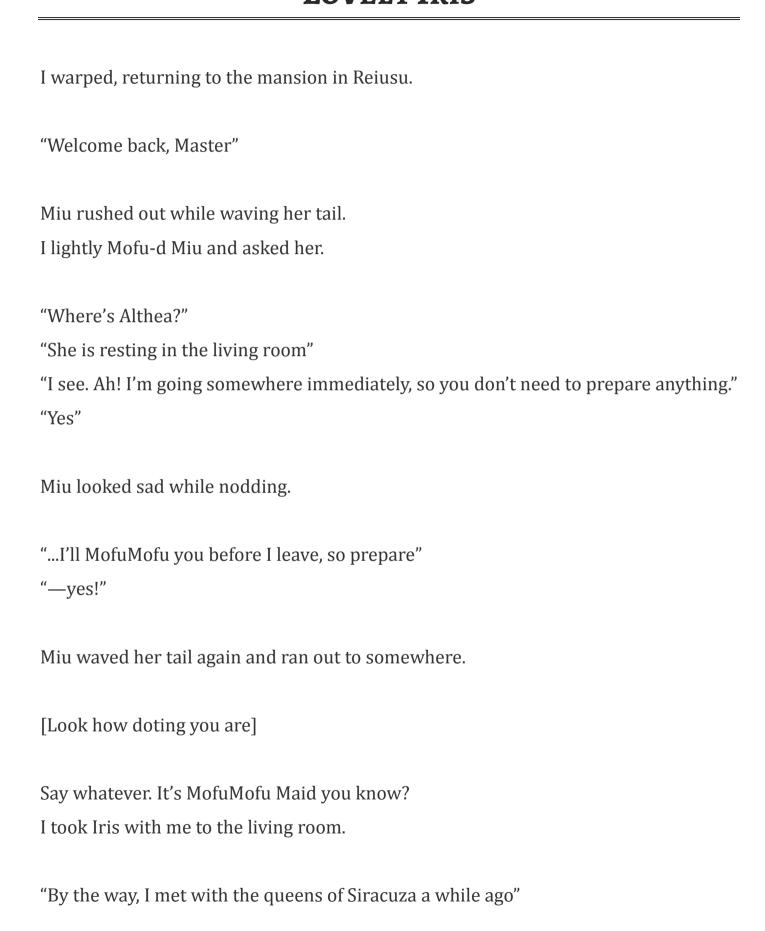
"...he?"

[Since only Otou-san can use Hikari, it's the same with the King's wifey]

I got stunned by what Hikari said.

Eleanor seemed to laugh out loud while holding her stomach.

CHAPTER 122 LOVELY IRIS



Iris said as if she suddenly remembered.

"The two of them looked wonderful. So much that they cannot be compared to when they were still in a diner in this town"

"You knew, and remembered it?"

"Elder sister has more of an impression. After all, when you say the poster girl of Purosu-tei, Fiona, she is famous within the soldiers"

"He~"

"Recently, many soldiers are saying [I know the Queen. I did not only talked to her, but I also let her cook me a meal!] "

"Can that be bragging?"

"It seems so"

"He~"

It's somewhat interesting.

Is it like knowing a classmate before he/she goes on a debut to fame?

And while talking about that, we reached the living room.

I opened the door and entered inside.

Althea who is wearing a cloak is relaxing.

Chibi Dragon was sleeping on the floor where the rays of the sun shine on.

"0-chan~"

Hikari returned to her human form.

Chibi Dragon suddenly woke up and leaped to Hikari.

My daughter bonded with her pet.

"Myu~, myu~"

Chibi Dragon carefully bit the hem of Hikari's skirt and pulled her as if to say "here, here!".

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"What is it, O-chan?"
"Myu~"
"Go with her, Hikari"
"Un!"
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Hikari showed a wide smile and ran out of the living room with Chibi Dragon.

Chibi Dragon and my daughter. It was so heart warming that it cannot be imagined that one of them is the Red Dragon Olivia who had once spread terror.

"What is it? Returning so quickly"

Althea opened her mouth.

"I want you to listen to something"

"What~?"

While saying that, she reached out her hand.

A wrinkly hand that reached out from her cloak.

I took that hand.

Her was rejuvenated as fast as the eye can see, and returned to a youthful hand.

She removed the hood that covered her head. What appeared was a woman of great beauty.

Althea stared at her hand.

"Did you fight?"

"Yeah"

"It was only not a brute fight, but a fight that you needed to do many other things"

"You can tell that far?"

"Your vigor's quality and quantity changes depending on the way you fight"

"I see"

"I guess Hikari was born from such a high quality vigor"

[It was really hard on my part when I received it]

Although Eleanor said that, she did not seem discontent.

"Well then, what is it?"

"It's about Iris"

I sat on the sofa with Iris and explained to Althea.

About her being married to Aegina Kingdom, and about me wanting to crush that.

"Is there a good way?"

"How about assassinating Aegina's crown prince?"

[It is not that different with my suggestion]

"Is that the most gentle way?"

"Gentle... well, if you say so, then it is gentle"

Iris also showed disapproval.

"In the first place, you lack too much information. Why does Mercouri want to marry you to Aegina?"

"Come to think of it, I haven't asked too"

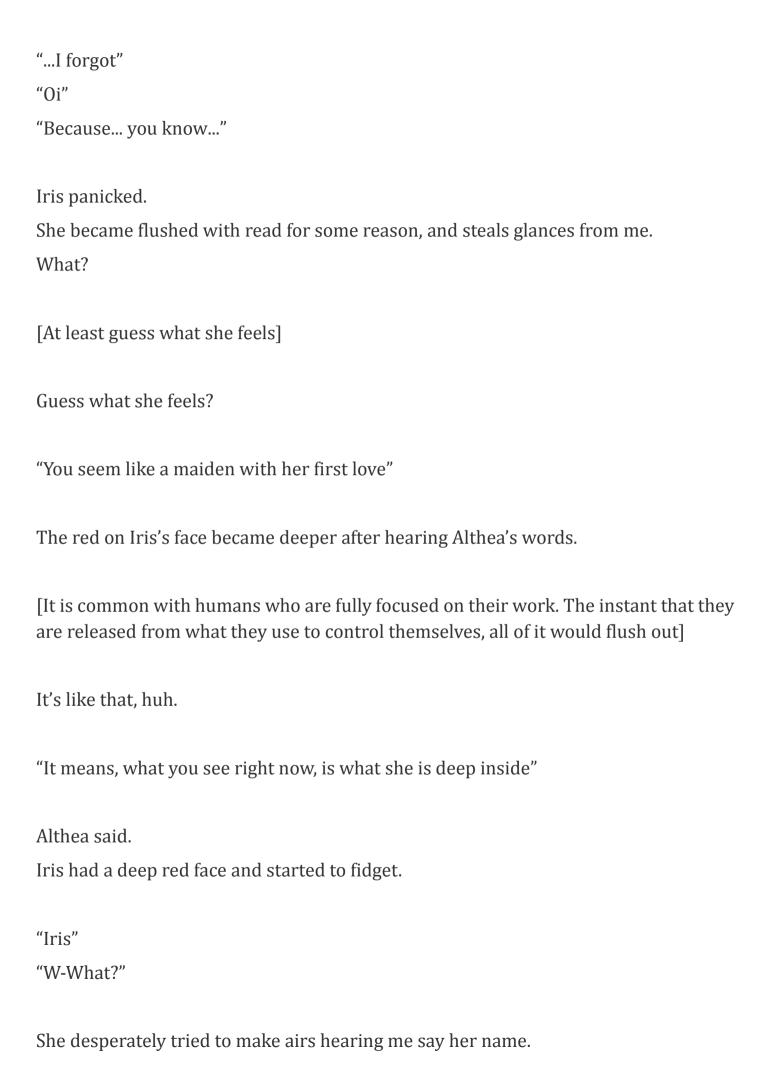
I also remembered it.

In the beginning, I tried to ask Iris, but she did not tell me.

After that, after I removed the wall in Iris's heart, she became fully cooperative.

And now that I think about it... I did not hear about Mercouri as a country.

"What do you think about that?", I looked at Iris with that kind of eye.



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"I'll make you my woman, so complete that no one would say anything" "—un!"

The red on her face disappeared and showed a smile instead.

That smile that she made was the most beautiful and loveliest Iris had shown me.

CHAPTER 123 S-Rank and A-Rank

"It seems that a certain Secret Treasure is hidden within Aegina's harem"

Iris said after her expression returned to as usual.

"Secret Treasure?"

"It was originally Mercouri Kingdom's possession, but it is said that soon after the kingdom was established, it was something that was sent as a dowry of the Mercouri Princess when she was married to Aegina to make the two kingdom's bonds stronger. However, Fath... the King wants it back"

"...if so, isn't it just better to ask them to return it? Diplomatic route? Or something like that"

"Aegina's harem is deep"

Althea said from the side, with the way of saying that I heard many times before.

"Both humans and things, they cannot leave from that place once they have entered. The only one who can leave is the King"

"Hmm? But, they throw out trash right? Also, many other things. Leaving aside humans, things can just be mixed with those while it's thrown away"

"Aegina's harem is deep. You mentioned trash? Inside are facilities that can dispose of those kinds of things, facilities that can eliminate them without leaving a single dust"

[Although it is exaggerated, it's also thorough. Going that far, I'm even impressed]

"Or rather, you sure know a lot about it, Althea"

"After all, I'm the one who thought and made such system"

"What?"

"...eh?"

I got surprised, and Iris looked dumbstruck.

"Ehhhhhh?!"

"Wait a second, you're the one who made it?"

"Yes. That time's King Aegina begged me. It was such a jealous and possessive man"

Althea giggled.

[Come to think of it, there was a time when she had lent her knowledge to Aegina. I see. She was doing such a thing huh]

Eleanor said seemingly enjoying it as well.

Being both long-lived, it would seem that they had a lot of things in the past.

"But, I understood the story with that. What King Mercouri wants is [Xiphos] huh" "Xiphos?"

"If you mention Mercouri's secret treasure, that's the only one. Though, I did not know that it got into Aegina's harem"

"I see"

"You seem uninterested"

"Yeah, I'm not"

"Although, it seems that you are not apathetic about it"

I nodded silently.

I don't care about Xiphos or whatever, but I'm pissed off that Iris is going to be sacrificed because of that.

"I'm going back to the story, since we have deviated so much. You are thinking of crushing the idea of her getting married to Aegina"

"That's right"

"If so, there are 3 ways, roughly separated"

Althea's tone changed.

The tone that she uses when she teaches me or gives me an idea.

A superior's, a teacher's tone.

Althea raised three fingers.

She explained one by one while putting down a finger.

"One, destroy Aegina Kingdom. There was the idea of assassinating King Aegina and its Crown Prince, but it should already be out of the question"

"Yeah, the person that she's going to marry will only change as the person in the top change"

"One, make this girl yours without caring about anything. By doing that, she cannot be married to Aegina"

"I said I won't do that while I explained earlier right?"

"One. Destroy Xiphos"

"Destroy?"

"That's right. Xiphos is a pair. It is only a mere object when the two of them are not together. According to what I heard, one of them is in Mercouri, and one of them is in Aegina's harem. If so...?"

This is also how Althea teaches me something.

She stops a step before the conclusion or answer. Makes me think, and say them with my words.

Sometimes, there are difficult ones, but it was easy this time.

"As long as one of them is destroyed, there would be no more meaning to marry off Iris"

"That is right"

I see, I got it.

"Are you fine with that? Iris"

"Un. I'm good with that"

Then, it's decided.
I'll find the Xiphos in Mercouri, and destroy it.

That is the goal for this time.

"By the way, what's that Xiphos?"

"Hmm, let me see. It is a weapon"

Althea thought for a while, and answered.

"If I say, Eleanor is an S-Class Demon Sword, and Xiphos is an A-Class weapon, can you understand?"

"That's..."

Isn't that, quite an amazing thing?

CHAPTER 124

THANK YOU, FOR WAITING (SIDE IRIS)

The Twin Flowers of Teresia.

I wonder when it started. I wonder when did people start to call me and elder sister like that.

Internally and externally.

Dynamic and static.

The surface and the underside.

Elder sister and I are known both within and outside of the kingdom as Princess Helene, the expert in military affairs, and as Princess Iris of the domestic affairs.

And I felt happy being called as such.

Because I can stand shoulder to shoulder with my favorite and beloved elder sister that I admired ever since I was young, every time I hear the name "Teresia's Twin Flowers", and most of all, every time I am told as such in my presence, I would feel elated.

I will do anything for elder sister. I chose the path of focusing on developing the kingdom in the underside, so that she can show her military skills as much as she wants.

However, elder sister, she was caught by a man.

A wicked man. At least, that was I thought at first.

Kakeru Yuuki.

A man whose history is even unknown.

That man thought of an idea called "paper notes", but a man who I thought he is just a one-shot guy.

But, elder sister was caught by such a man.

She admired him, got infatuated with him, and even gave him her purity.

When I first heard about that, I thought it was a mistake.

I thought, there was no way elder sister would do such a thing.

A man who matches elder sister does not exist in this world. No matter what kind of man it is, he would best be able to not pull elder sister's feet.

That, was what I thought.

But, however, that slowly changed.

It was when elder sister and I were going to Kakeru's mansion, that I completely changed my thoughts.

Inside that carriage, when we are to give him the title of a Viscount.

Elder sister showed me two faces. Both of them were faces that she had never shown to me.

One is, a woman's face.

A woman's face that was satisfied, meeting her partner in life.

Another, is a princess's face.

A beautiful face, far more dignified than ever before.

Elder sister has changed. There was no doubt that the one who changed her was the man called Kakeru.

Both private and public, Kakeru made elder sister rise up.

Although it is frustrating, such a feat was something that I was unable to achieve.

The only thing that I was able to do, was to not be on elder sister's way.

When I realized that, I became very interested in the man called Kakeru.

I wondered, what kind of man is it, to be able to pull up elder sister that much.

Since then, I have focused on him.

Calamba, Comotoria, Siracuza.

He was always there, in the events that change kingdoms, or maybe even the world.

No, he was in the middle of all of it, deeply involved.

If this world was a story in a book, there is no doubt that he is the main character of that story. He achieved things that made me think as such.

When I noticed it, I fell for him.

And, right now.

I wonder, what kind of face I am making?



"For the mean time, get some clues where Xiphos is"

"I got it. Leave it to me. I'll probably know quickly"

"Is that so?"

"I am a princess of Mercouri Kingdom. There are almost none that I cannot find out, and even if there is, an open, blank space would be made"

"I see. You'll find it by both adding or subtracting huh"

"That is right"

I nodded.

Leaving the mansion in the night.

Kakeru send me out.

Walking side by side with him, his presence, his warmth, I can somewhat feel it, even through my cloak.

"Then, I'll leave it to you. Well, it would be finished quickly once you've found it. I only need to get there and destroy Xiphos"

"If so, I'll think of a good excuse"

"I don't need one"

"Eh?"

"I'll use Eleanor. Once I sent out Hell's Emperor or something to Xiphos, I'll have a reason to destroy it"

"You can do such thing?"

I was surprised.

Hell's Emperor, Sandros.

An incarnation of destruction that once made the world fall in terror, leaving a mark in history that cannot be erased.

And, Kakeru who said that as if he would ask a child for an errand.

He is, really unfathomable...

"Fu!"

"What is it?"

"Eleanor said [Don't treat me conveniently]"

"Haa... are you, on good terms?"

"Pretty much"

"Although she's, the legendary demon sword...?"

"Recently, she's starting to class change into a doting parent"

A man on a different scale.

Right now, I can really tell why elder sister fell for him.

He is unfathomably strong, wise, and a man of a high caliber.

I became fraught with great emotion.

My throat felt dry as if it was barren.

I maddeningly want to do something, I want to do something for Kakeru.

I want to become a woman who could be his match.

I thought of that, very strongly.

I wonder... did elder sister feel like this as well?

And while I was like that, we reached my mansion.

My official residence in Reiusu.

"Thank you, for escorting me back"

"Don't mind it. Rather than that, I'll leave Reiusu for the whole day tomorrow"

"Are you going somewhere?"

"I'll convince Althea to go to Siracuza. The new queens needs some wisdom"

"I see. I got it. Well then, I will make it so that we'll know where Xiphos is, the day after tomorrow"

"Yeah"

Kakeru said that, turned back, and left.

I stared at his appearance until he disappeared after warping.

My chest feels hot, I desperately stopped myself, wanting to stop and call out to him.

If I let myself get controlled by such feelings and stopped him, I am not a woman befitting him.

I thought of such, and did my very best, to hold back my feelings.

Even after Kakeru has left, the speed that my heart beats raised, rather than slowing. Is it this painful? Thinking of a man.

I wonder how it is with elder sister. I should ask her the next time we meet.

I thought so, took a deep breath, and turned around to enter my mansion.

"--!!"

I felt that my back was frozen. A terrible thing suddenly crawled up to my back.

I quickly turned around.

There were five black clothed men there.

They were clad in black, and only their eyes that give off a black light can be seen.

They were men clothed as assassins holding daggers.

"Who are you?!"

I drew my sword while asking who they are.

The men did not answer. Rather, as if my call was used as a sign, they quickly scattered and attacked from many directions.

I parried their dagger that was lighted by the shine of the moon with my sword. They jumped back while showing a well-trained coordination.

And another assassin attacked. I also parried once again, but felt a numbing pain between my thumb and pointing finger.

Their attacks were not only sharp, but also powerful.

And most of all, it is deadly—they literally shows killing intent that wants to kill me.

I was pushed back, continuing to block their attacks.

Then, I finally noticed. There was no one inside the mansion.

Metal sounds made by the clashing swords and dagger.

It was quite loud and echoed, but the guards in the mansion did not appear.

They were probably killed or captured.

Either way—it's a desperate situation.

And within that slight gap when my thoughts were away.

One of the assassins parried away my sword, and another slashes his dagger to my throat.

I'm dead—.

[Swordsmanship will be lent to Iris Teresia Mercouri. Time Remaining: 2 minutes 59 seconds]

"—!!"

I pulled back my sword that was parried away, and cleaved faster than ever before.

That one horizontal slash slices two assassins into two.

It is not my power, but, I know whose it is.

"Kakeru!"

I saw Kakeru at the back of those three assassins.

He appeared clad with a dark aura, and his appearance of walking with an air of composure was exactly that of a Demon King.

However, I was relieved.

If he was the Demon King, then I have long been captured by the Demon King.

"Why are you here?"

"By their voices, I felt that it was weird inside the mansion, and knew that some people were hiding. And so, I tried to declare that I'll leave far away. And as you can see, they got relieved and attacked you"

"It was like that. But, can you at least tell me first"

"If you want to deceive your enemies, then start with your allies. Also, I believed that you could hold on"

"Eh...?" My quickly pounded. He believed me? Kakeru, he believed me? He... believed me...? So he left it to me? "—!!" I could not help but cover my mouth. I can feel it myself. I felt that my mouth could not help but make a grin. I did not know that I could feel this happy being trusted by him. "Shaaa!!" And while I was doing that, the remaining assassins attacked me at once. Comparing Kakeru and me, they probably thought that they had higher chances if they attacked me. However, that was a mistake. Right now, I do not have any mercy. After all, I want to do my best to answer to Kakeru's trust. I cleaved my sword, killing two assassins, and made the last one faint with the hilt of my sword. "You held back?" "I need to make him tell me who's the mastermind after all" "I see"

Kakeru nodded and made his dark aura disappear.

I stood in front of Kakeru, and looked up to him.

I want to be this man's woman!

And—.

"Thank you, Kakeru"

"Don't mind it, saving my woman is—"

"U~un"

I silently shook my head.

"Thank you for, waiting to embrace me"

I shall aim higher, became a woman befitting this man—and become finally his. I thought of such, very strongly.

CHAPTER 125 BONUS STAGE

Morning, I woke up in the mansion's bed.

Someone was moving on top of my body.

...hmm, who was it? I'm pretty sure I didn't do it with anyone last night.

The ones who would most probably enter my bed like this is Althea and Miu. The most unlikely one, is Nana.

Well, I wonder who it is? Maybe I should give her a good morning kiss, but when I hugged that girl.

"Good morning, Otou-san"
"......"

I froze for an instant and completely awakened.

The one on top of me is Hikari.

Demon Sword Hikari, Yuuki Hikari,... my daughter, Hikari.

Hikari, just like the day she was born, was on top of me.

"G-Good morning"

"You woke up?"

"I'm awake"

"Wash your face and let's eat breakfast"

"Y-Yeah"

I stood up with my hand being pulled by Hikari.

My heart wouldn't stop pounding.

I almost did that "good morning kiss", and did such an unimaginable thing.

[Ku, Kukuku, kuhahaha!]
Eleanor laughed out loud.
Don't laugh, it could've been worse.
"What, don't worry. Being hated by their daughter is the courtesy of a male parent"
Get hated?
Get hated by Hikari?
My head whited out in an instant.
【I hate someone like Otou-san!!!】



I almost fell to my knees just imagining it.

[Kukuku, isn't that an unexpected weakness?]

"S-Shut up! There's no way that Hikari will hate me"

"Un! Hikari, she loves Otou-san the most!"

"Look, see?"

[Kukuku]

Eleanor still continued to laugh.

This girl, should I throw her away somewhere?

And after finishing our conversation, Hikari and I left the bedroom.

"By the way, Iris-oneechan's here"

"I see"

"Today's Iris-oneechan, she's so beautiful"

"He~?"

Hikari pulled me while chatting, and arrived at the living room.

Iris was there.

I got surprised. She's really beautiful.

Iris, looking outside from the window within the morning sun. That way when she turned around, was the most beautiful I have seen her.

Her attire has not changed.

Her beautiful golden hair was tied to a pony tail while wearing her armor and cape. She was just as usual.

However, she's so beautiful.

The demeanor that she shows was different from before, and it looked so beautiful.



"Good morning, Kakeru. Did you sleep well?"

"Yeah"

"That's great. The assassin that I caught spit it all out. It looks like they were part of the group of the counterfeit notes, and tried to capture me as revenge"

"He~?"

"I already did something about it. Thank you. I was saved thanks to Kakeru"

"Don't mind it. By the way, what happened to that boy?"

"He's still frightened and could not speak very well—but, since he can use the royal family's magic, there is no doubt that he's a seed that someone has sown. We decided to shelter him cordially, and think about it very well"

"I see"

Yesterday's event ended with a simple conversation.

I stared straight into Iris's eyes. She also stared back at me.

"I found out where Xiphos is"

"That's fast"

"It's in a place called Anfitha's lake"

Anfitha's lake.

It's a place I've never heard of—and a place I had never visited.



After half a day of being shaken by the carriage, Iris and I came to the lake.

We did not bring anyone. There is only Iris and me.

Since our aim is to destroy Xiphos, the kingdom's secret treasure, only the two of us moved.

More specifically, Eleanor and Hikari is with us in their sword form, but leaving that aside.

"It's here?"

"Yeah"

"There's only the lake here"

"Wait a second"

Iris went down from the carriage and stood on the lake's shore.

She closed her eyes and chanted an incantation.

A magic circle spread from her feet. It's the magic circle that looked like the emblem of Mercouri's royal family.

That spread out explosively, enveloping the whole lake.

And finally, the lake split into two.

It split into two just like Moses split the sea, and a path was made.

At the end of the path... there was an entrance.

"Sorry to keep you waiting"

"I see, it means that only those of the royal family can enter, huh"

"That's right"

"I guess it's also easy to tell where the place is"

Iris and I walked through the bottom of the lake, to the entrance.

"And then, what are you going to do?"

"I'll go to where Xiphos is first. After that, I will warp away, take away Sandros from Marie's forest, and then release it. After Sandros started to go rampage, I'll destroy Xiphos with him—the end"

"I see"

We walked together and entered inside.

In an instant, the door closed. The sound of the water returning to normal could be heard as well.

"It's alright. I closed it. With this, no one would be on the way"

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"I see"
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Iris took out the torch that she prepared and lit it using magic.

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"Well then, let's go"
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"Yeah"

It was a cave-like place inside.

The ground was paved with stone and it was a winding path.

Water droplets fell from the ceiling from time to time.

"Kakeru!"

"Mu?!"

Iris's urgent call.

A strange, humanoid monster appeared at where she is looking at.

Its size was just like a normal human's, but nothing exists from the neck.

But if you'd guess that it's something like a Dullahan, it seems like it's not, and it's holding a spear and shield in each of its hands.

And instead, there is a face in the middle of his naked upper body.

Sharp eyes and a big mouth with ferocious fangs.

From afar, it's like a middle-aged man making a face out of his stomach during a party, and it's a type of monster that I have seen for the first time.

"What is that?"

"Sorry, it's the first time I've seen such a thing"

"I see. Then, I'll go and kill it"

"Okay"

I drew Eleanor and charged towards the monster.

I casually swung Eleanor down. The monster tried to guard with its shield, but I split it into two with its shield.

"It isn't much huh"

"No"

Iris swung her sword towards the defeated monster with all of her strength.

Sparks scattered and the sound of metal echoed.

Its shield was without flaw, but the edge of Iris's sword was chunked.

"It isn't much because it's Kakeru. It's an opponent that it's impossible for me to deal with"

[Rather than this guy, it's all thanks to me]

[What about Hikari? Can Hikari do it?]

The mother and daughter Demon Swords said inside my head.

[Mu! Oi, look at that. At the monster's heart]

I followed what Eleanor said, and looked at the monster's heart—or rather, at its eyes. There was a lottery ticket.

[How lucky]

Yeah, I should pick it up.

In this world, there are several ways to get lottery tickets.

It drops rarely when monsters are defeated, it drops rarely when I embrace women, it drops slightly when I go do a shopping spree.

I gathered lottery tickets by doing that.

It's pretty good to get one ticket after defeating around 100 monsters, so it's quite lucky today.

[We can draw lots again] Hikari was innocently happy. "Well then, let's move on. Where is Xiphos?" "It's here... mu!" The instant we started to walk, the same monster with a face in its stomach appeared. "Kakeru" "Leave it to me" I charged towards the monster and split it into two with its spear using Hikari. [Wa~, Hikari could do it to~] [Of course, Hikari's my daughter after all] [Un, Hikari's Okaa-san's daughter] The mother and daughter Demon Swords leisurely chatted inside my head. "A-re?" I noticed. I noticed the fact that another lottery ticket dropped from the monster that I split into two. "A second, one?" "What's the second one?" "No, it's nothing"

I put the ticket into my pocket while answering to Iris.

This is the second one now. Is it a good day today? Or...

When I was thinking of that, three similar monsters appeared.

Is it—, I leaped towards them while having great expectations, and chopped the monsters with both mother and daughter.

After the monsters instantly died—three lottery tickets appeared.

I picked them up. There were really lottery tickets.

[...they came again]

Eleanor's tone changed. She noticed as well.

"Kakeru!"

I looked ahead of the path. Headless monsters came like a swarm.

They are monsters that Iris admitted she could not deal with, but in my eyes, they looked like a mountain of treasures.

CHAPTER 126

War Princess and Berserker

At first, I thought that the monsters were just on the way, so I just cleaned them up thoughtlessly.

However, if lottery tickets are dropping like it's a bonus stage, it's different.

Lasked Iris.

"What the heck are theses guys?"

"I don't know. In the first place, it's my first time entering this place"

"I see"

[Akephalos]

"Mu?"

Eleanor answered instead of Iris.

[It's called Akephalos. They are originally humans. Berserkers who have the strong will to fight when they are alive, but having the will to fight even after death, even after their heads are chopped off their body, they crawl back from hell and appear in the world again]

"He~"

[Are they going to fight forever?]

[Umu. Just like when they were still alive. Look at them carefully, don't their weapons and shields seem old? They were probably fighting forever deep within this lake]

I looked carefully at the Akephalos's shield and weapons.

Now that she said that, I can see countless scratches, and really made be feel like it has aged with battles.

"They're going to fight forever, huhhh"

[Hikari also hope she will be forever with Otou-san and Okaa-san]

"Even after death?"

[If you wish so; then I will grant it... though, I do not know whether I could do it to you]

"Can you do such thing?"

[Of course]

Eleanor said as if it was nothing.

[Several humans who have been involved with me were like that as well. Each of them should've been famous. Ask Iris about it]

I told Eleanor's words to Iris.

She thought for a second, and answered.

"Maybe... Thorokros is like that?"

"Who's that?"

"The Undying Warrior, Thorokros. A person who have survived countless battles, and is said to have gone through a thousand battlefields. It was also said that he only died in the end, after his limbs were thrown away a thousand miles from each other"

"What do you think?"

[It's the same with theses guys. He wished that he would be able to fight even after death, so I granted his wish. It was a good ten odd years of passing time]

"i see"

It looks like Eleanor really did a lot of things.

Just hearing about its episodes, I can really tell why the world is frightened by Eleanor. Although her true form is just a doting parent.

[You do not have the right to say that]

"Kakeru, they came again"

"Yosh"

Akephalos appeared one next to the other from deep within the cave.

I drew Eleanor and Hikari.

Since I found out that they drop lottery tickets, I'm quite fired up.

"Chaki!", it sounded, Iris also drew her sword and stood by my side.

"I'll help"

"Can you do it?"

"A woman who is just protected—they are not befitting of Kakeru"

She showed a firm determination.

"I see. Just, don't push yourself too much"

"I got it"

I readied the twin swords while clad with the dark cloak, and charged together with Iris.

While I casually chopped off the Akephaloses, I secretly protected Iris with the dark cloak.

I won't give her a hand directly. I just follow up on her secretly.

[You're doing a tedious thing again]

"Kukuku", Eleanor laughed.

I ignored her.

At first, I protected her from fatal attacks and attacks to her face, but, the meaning gradually changed.

She clashed with their spear, parried away their shield, and slashed into the Akephalos.

She looked beautiful, fighting as if a she was a fairy dancing, so I wanted to see more.

I secretly guided some Akephalos towards her.

I did not defeat them with one attack, pushed them away while waiting, and after seeing Iris defeat another one, I made them go towards her.

It's like watching a live concert with an unlimited encore.

"Haa... haa... next!"



Her breathing got rough, sweat dropped from her jaw, but even so, Iris still continued to swing her sword.

I could only continue to watch her.

Lottery tickets dropped from each of the Akephalos that she defeated, but I even forgot to pick them up, and watched her.

The end came.

Iris used her sword as a staff and tried to catch her breath.

She was forced to exhaustion fighting with her full strength.

The next Akephalos attacked.

She swung her sword, it hits its shield—but her sword was pushed away.

Up until now, she had been clashing with them equally, but she was now pushed away.

Her sword was parried away, her upper body was also pushed back, Iris almost collapsed to her back.

The Akephalos attacked, fiercely stabbing its spear.

I guess it's this is the end.

I gripped Eleanor and tried to get in between them and defeat it for her.

[Wait]

Eleanor stopped me with a word, but using a strong tone.

My movements stopped after I heard her unusually serious tone.

"—! Haaaaaaa!!"

I felt like I heard her gritting her teeth.

Iris pulled back her sword and held it with both hands, and with her strong will, she swung it down with all her strength after holding it above her head.

The Akephalos's spear was split into two.

"—deeiyaaaaa!!"

She gritted her teeth once again, then cleaved out her sword.

It was literally her full-force attack, even using her body to add centrifugal force.

And with that—she chopped the Akephalos together with its shield into two!

"Haa, haa..."

This time for sure, Iris let go of the sword that she used as a staff just to stand, and collapses to the ground.

I instinctively caught her to an embrace.

"I'll become... a woman... befitting... Kakeru..."

Iris closed her eyes in my arms and whispered.

[What a good woman]

Even Eleanor unusually sent honest words of praise.

CHAPTER 127

Confession

I let Iris sleep in that place.

She collapsed through exhaustion, but she doesn't have any injuries—I mean, I won't let her have any, and she is breathing fine as well.

I thought that she would recover after resting for a while.

"Lent me your strength, Eleanor"

[Yareyare, huh]

[Hikari will help too]

Eleanor who seemed to say it can't be helped, and Hikari who really want to help.

I placed my hand on the hilts of the mother and daughter Demon Swords while they're in their sheathes.

With a strong and clear image, I released an aura.

It's an aura that is a little different to up until now.

That aura is darker than black, and even more terrifying. An aura that reminisces everything sinister and disastrous.

I raised that aura—spread it around, avoiding only Iris who is lying down.

It's a silent message.

It's a threat that says I shall make those who approach, experience something more terrifying than death.

Though it is alright to just kill the monsters when they appear.

If I get serious, I can chop those Akephaloses into two with their shields without even making a sound.

I can do it, but there is still a certain chance that I might fail.

Like the possibility that I might make a sound, or the possibility of making a shockwave.

To be sure that I can let Iris rest, I thought that the best way is to make a threat.

It became silent.

That silence was like that of midnight when even the trees and grasses sleep.

And after watching Iris for a while, she woke up.

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"...Kakeru?"
"You woke up?"
"..."
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Iris saw the aura that I am releasing.

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"...thank you"
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The wise her understood its meaning from the circumstances.

"Don't mind it. Have you rested well?"

"Yeah. I've recovered pretty much"

"Good then"

I retracted the aura.

The surroundings returned to normal, and started to make cave-like sounds.

Suddenly, I noticed that Iris is staring at me.

She is staring straight at me with teary, hot eyes.

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"What happened?"
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"I am... a useless woman"

"What is it suddenly?"

"I fought with the Akephalos. It felt good. I was able to fight for Kakeru's sake, and even that, with all of my strength... I fought only for Kakeru. That felt very fulfilling—and really good"

"Isn't that great?"

I also know about the excitement and heightened feelings from a fight.

I also know about the pleasure of embracing woman after that—but that is a different topic.

That's why, I said that, but—Iris slowly shook her head.

"It tasted like sweet honey—that, is addictive. I thought that once I've tasted that, I won't get satisfied by anything else. I thought I would throw away everything, my country, my status, everything. I thought that, I wanted to throw away everything else, and fight only for you. As a simple woman, and only yours... that's, what I thought"

Iris made a desperate face, one that might cry anytime.

"Elder sister is amazing Even though she became Kakeru's woman, she's able to preserve herself, and was able to act as one of Teresia's Twin Flowers. She's an amazing person, that I cannot beat at all"

Finally, tears started to drop from her eyes.

"But compared to that... I'm a useless woman"

[She looks very conflicted. A princess and a simple woman, as a public person and as she is in private. She's too serious]

That's what makes Iris lovely.

I stared at Iris and said.

"You're saying it difficultly, but in short, you want to be my woman, right?"

"That is... that's true"

Iris made a troubled face.

She had a face saying that it's not wrong, but she can't nod honestly.

[You summarized it too much]

"Kukuku", I heard a pleasant laugh in the back of my head.

"What, was I wrong?"

"You're not, but..."

"Then, isn't it fine?"

"But... I do not befit Kakeru if I'm like that"

"Ha?"

"There are so many good women around Kakeru. Women who are not inferior compared elder sister. But compared to them, someone like me—mugu!"

I stopped Iris's words—with a kiss.

I made her close that mouth of hers that says so many things with my lips, and stopped her saying anything more.

At first, she was surprised and resisted.

However, I embraced her tightly so that she cannot escape.

I stole her lips for almost a minute—and to punish this obstinate person, I gave her plenty of kisses.

I then said to Iris after releasing her.

"Iris"

"W-What?"

"I'm the one who decides whether or not you are befitting of me. It's my decision whether or not you are going to be my woman. Got it?"

"Ah... un"

"And adding to that, if you think that you do not befit me, rely on me"

"Eh?"

"Tell me how you will suit me. I'll grant that"

"I can't ask something like that—"

"I'll do something about it"

I stopped her words halfway.

Iris's expression changed so much it was interesting.

She got surprised, flushed her cheeks, and calmed down.

"Kakeru's words are amazing. They're strong and reliably, it's as if, they can solve anything"

"It's not 'as if'. I'll solve anything, I will"

"That's true. If it's Kakeru, he can do anything"

Iris let out a smile.

It's not a negative smile that one shows when they give up or self-deprecate.

It's a positive, calm, and strong smile that really look good on her.

"There was something wrong with me, sorry"

"Hmm?"

"Thinking about it carefully, I didn't need to worry about it so much. Fighting only for Kakeru and leading the masses as one of Teresia's Twin Flowers without forgetting my status. I only need to do both"

[The idiot infected her huh, she's slightly contradicting—ow!]

I stopped the unnecessary retort with a flick of a finger.

Something like contradictions or being idiotic, that doesn't matter.

There is only one thing important.

That is, Iris looks better as a woman compared to the Iris before.

That's all.

"Iris"

"Yes"

"I want to take you"

"I also want to be taken by Kakeru"

"Immediately"

"Immediately"

"Let's go destroy Xiphos"

"Yeah!"

Iris strongly nodded.

She's an unbelievably, good woman.

CHAPTER 128

REASON TO MOVE

I moved deeper into the cave with Iris.

It looks like most of the Akephaloses were defeated and stopped appearing so we are having a free time.

We advanced while chatting.

"Come to think of it, what kind of person is your father? He's Mercouri's king right?" "Father? Hmm..."

Iris thought for a moment and answered.

"In a few words—an ambitious person"

"Ambitious?"

"That's right. His ambition to make Mercouri bigger and stronger is tremendously strong. And he is a person who would not choose his means. That's also why Kakeru's idea, the paper notes, was easily passed. If it were the previous king—my grandfather, he would've probably said [Blasphemous, how dare you use our Royal Family's treasure for such a thing!] "

"Ahh..."

I could easily imagine with only that explanation.

People who value traditions and customary practices exist anywhere.

I knew about that, so I even thought that the idea might not get through when I suggested the paper notes.

Iris's father, King Mercouri, is a person who is completely opposite to a person like that huh.

I see, it's because it's an ambitious person and— a utilitarian king that it was easily approved.

"That's why you were also used as a mean. Sending you out as a bride to take back Xiphos"

Iris nodded.

We advanced while I continued to ask about Iris's father, King Mercouri.

I heard from her many episodes, and it was easy to tell from those episodes that he was a person who would use anything that he can.

Along the way, I defeated the Akephalos that appeared from time to time, and picked up the lottery ticked that dropped 100%.

And with this and that, we reached the deepest part of the cave.

It was an open space, and something that seems to be an altar is in the back.

One sword was placed courteously on the altar.

The sword was vibrant with red, it was as if it strongly asserts that it was not normal.

"That's Xiphos huh"

"Most probably"

"How is it?"

I asked Eleanor.

[That bad sense of self-assertion, it hasn't stopped it even after hundreds of years huh]

Eleanor said in disgust.

It looks like there are some circumstances, but anyway, there is no doubt that that is Xiphos huh.

"Yosh, let's crush it"

"Please do so"

I advanced towards the altar—but.

I got blocked along the way and sparks flickered out.

"What?"

[It's a barrier. Isn't that natural?]

"...it is, natural. There's nothing wrong having one or two barriers since it's being sealed"

"A barrier... I have not heard about that"

"Don't worry about it. Eleanor?"

[You should just act as you normally do]

"I see"

Since I got her guarantee, I drew out Eleanor.

I took a stance—and casually struck down.

Bachi!!, sparks flew out and Eleanor was pushed away.

"It's quite hard"

[Do it seriously. It would affect my good name if you lose to that]

"Lose to that? Is it a barrier that it made itself? Although it's caught and being sealed?"

[A barrier that uses the power of one's own, it is quite common]

"I see"

I understood the general story.

I took a deep breath, and struck using Eleanor using 80% this time.

Parin!!, a sound of something breaking was made.

"Ohh!"

"About this much huh"

[Not yet. Look carefully]

I focused my eyes just like Eleanor had said.

It was an empty space, but vaguely, I could see the barrier that should've been broken

getting repaired quickly.

"It has self-recovery huh. What should I do?"

[It's simple]

Eleanor scoffed.

[It's power is not unlimited. You only need to continue to strike until it's unable to repair itself]

"I see, it's simple then. Iris, move back. I'll go at it seriously"

"I got it"

Iris moved away from me just like I've told her.

I drew out Hikari following Eleanor and gripped the mother and daughter Demon Swords tightly.

I took a deep breath, and accumulated strength.

"Let's go"

[Umu]

[Un!]

"U000000!!!!"

I struck the barrier, I struck it continuously.

It repaired itself the next instant I struck it, but I continued to slash it every time it recovered.

Xiphos shined red every time the barrier was repaired.

Its blade pulsed and the barrier regenerated.

And after continuously destroying the barrier, the interval it was repaired slowly became longer.

What took five seconds became ten, became twenty, and up to thirty.

And finally, it stopped recovering even if I waited for it.

"Yosh, it looks like it's finished. Iris—"

When I called Iris to proceed to the next step, someone quickly passed through my side.

That person's speed was nothing special, but it's a third party that suddenly appeared. I was confused and let him pass through.

Iris's voice echoed as well.

"Father!"

That man she called father—King Mercouri reached the altar, and grabbed Xiphos.

In an instant, the red light spread explosively throughout the cave.

I raised my sword and spread my dark coat to protect Iris.

I was on guard, but nothing happened.

"Ohh, Ohhhhh!! This is Xiphos!"

After the red light dissipated, King Mercouri stared at Xiphos with a moved expression. You could even say that he's mesmerized.

"Father! Why is Father here?"

"I immediately found out that you were investigating about Xiphos, and that it was to come here"

Well, that couldn't be helped. Anyone could easily guess if we moved at this timing.

"B-But why, why did you not stop us"

"If you were to act, the Demon Sword Wielder shall act as well"

"Eh?!"

"If the Demon Sword Wielder acted, there was the possibility that this barrier that could not be removed for a very long time, unless the other part was brought into it, would be released. That's why I let you move freely"

[Kukuku, you guys have been used indeed]

That seems to be so.

"Both you, and that Demon Sword Wielder. You've done a good job"

"Father..."

Iris made a bitter expression.

Xiphos pulsed strongly. It released a conspicuous red light.

"Ohh, Ohhhhhh!! As expected of Xiphos. It is our kingdom's treasure told in legends. This power... with this power, the other Xiphos could be taken as well, even if it's through force"

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"Haaaaaa!!!"

King Mercouri raised Xiphos.

After a red light shone, the ceiling exploded and created a hole.

This is a cave in the bottom of a lake, the instant a hole was opened, water gushed inside at once.

The king jumped and leaped out from the hole.

He escaped alone even though his daughter was here.

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[Otou-san...]

"Kakeru!"

Iris ran to me. She is making a frantic look.

"Please stop Father. We mustn't let him go away like this! It would be terrible if it was known that Father the King invades or infiltrates into Aegina!"

"It would easily be a diplomatic issue"

"A war might even occur following it"

"That's true"

The king of a neighboring kingdom invades with a weapon and steals something stored in the harem.

It is not strange if a war happens.

And that ambitious man would happily retaliate.

It's true, he should be stopped here.

"I got it. Hold on"

I placed a hand around Iris's waist and took out my Warp Feather.

We warped instantly into the ground above.

Soon after, King Mercouri jumped out.

The king who did not notice us coming out before him by warping rose high up in the air, and was about to fly away after checking the direction.

"I'm going to go"

"Please!"

I nodded to Iris who pleaded and jumped high up in the air.

With faster speed than King Mercouri, I went ahead of him, anticipating the direction he was heading.

"—what!"

"Fall down!"

Using Eleanor, I struck the surprised king into the ground together with Xiphos.

The king crashed into the ground. Soon after, there was a small explosion, and he jumped out of the hole.

His clothes were in tatters—but there was no damage.

"Demon Sword Wielder!!"

"Sorry, but, you shall not pass. I'll also be crushing that"

"Why are you standing on my way! Have you forgotten the favor when I made you a Viscount?!"

Now that he reminded me, I am a viscount in Mercouri huh.

I completely forgot about it until he mentioned it.

Well, that doesn't matter.

"Why!"

Why—a reason huh.

A reason to stand in the way of the king.

To embrace Iris, because Iris asked me to do so, to get back on him for using me.

There won't be an end if I mentioned the little things, but... well, in short.

"It's because I want to do so"

Just like I how have done it up until now, and how I would do so from now on.

CHAPTER 129

IT WAS JUST AS USUAL

"Наааааа!"

There are no tricks needed.

I charged straight ahead and cleaved Eleanor.

The king guarded with Xiphos.

Gakiiiiin!!

It was as if the atmosphere exploded, and the shockwave hollowed the ground between us.

The king was blown away to the air.

[What a beautiful arc he made]

"That's a good way to describe it"

I got impressed with Eleanor. Although she had never played baseball, she commented that seeing the king being blown away.

A red light drew an arc in mid-air, and just like Eleanor had said, a beautiful arc remained in his path.

And then, he suddenly stopped.

The blown away king forcefully stopped mid-air and u-turned with bloodshot eyes.

"You bastard!!!"

"Too slow!"

"Kuu! Not yet! Xiphos... it's power is not limited to this!!"

"Hmph!"

"Guwaaa!!"

Eleanor and Hikari, the mother and daughter Demon Swords overwhelmed the king and Xiphos.

It's overwhelming, but it unexpectedly wouldn't end.

Each of every attack that I thought decided the battle was blocked by Xiphos.

Its reaction speed is unexpectedly quick.

Because of that, I thought of cutting that guarding block altogether, but that won't go well too. Xiphos is unexpectedly tough. Even if we clashed straight on, all I could do was blow away the king together with the sword.

I slashed towards the king who charged for the nth time. The king guarded and crashed into the ground.

The aftermath created a crater. The king who crashed crawled out of it.

His cape and clothes were ragged, and his whole body is covered in blood.

"Give up and let go Xiphos. There's nothing that you can possibly do" "Shut... up!!!!"

He charged again looking like he wrought out all his strength.

His charging speed fell, but—the speed he slashes with Xiphos has not weakened, rather, the red light is even increasing.

The king's body is weakening but the sword's power has not declined.

I blocked his attack and kicked him.

"The sword started to control the body huh"

[That is its style]

"You also did something similar though"

[Kukuku, it's what you call the etiquette of Demon Swords]

[Etiquette of Demon Swords? Would Hikari be like that too?]

Hikari said not knowing what etiquette means. How cute.

"It's a bad example so you don't need to learn it okay"

[Umu. Look at my example when it's about Demon Swords]

[Un, I'll learn from Okaa-san okay]

"You're the best and worst example though"

The king and Xiphos charging. I also charged and collided.

I raised a gear. I struck Xiphos many times with Eleanor and Hikari.

Not slashing, but striking. After doing such for many times, a small crack appeared in Xiphos's blade.

Its toughness was as expected of a Demon Sword, but it finally showed crumbles.

[It looks like we were at a level higher]

Eleanor with a satisfied voice.

"We're going to break it here at once!"

[Umu]

[I'll do my best!]

The king that was charging towards me is staggering.

He's in tatters covered in blood, and it is even doubtful whether he still has a consciousness.

But even so, he swung his sword, and let out groans from time to time.

It was as if he became a zombie that would only swing Xiphos.

"Gaha...! U-Uoo, ooo..."

Suddenly, the king's movement changed.

Up until then, he was charging towards me, but he suddenly stopped in his place and began agonizing.

He grabbed his right hand that holds Xiphos, and started to groan in pain.

The red pulse strengthened explosively.

[That is...]

"Do you know about it, Eleanor?"

[You'll see soon]

Eleanor's tone was mixed with ridicule.

I got curious, stopped attacking to take a look.

The king in pain, he raised his head and roared towards the sky.

But suddenly, this time, he vomited blood to the ground, and started to pound Xiphos to the ground like a hammer.

Soon after he started rampaging, a sudden change occurred.

The red light that was pulsing with Xiphos at the center up until then, started to transfer to the king's body.

Its color deepened, and what was only a light, gradually increased in density and materialized.

The light became skin and covered the king, and added another skin on top of that.

It's a spectacle that it was as if you were looking at a full body costume being worn on top of one another. His human appearance gradually got bigger... and started to turn into something like a monster.

[It transformed...]

"This, it might be better to say it that he got absorbed"

[He probably wished for even more power]

"It's that—"I don't care what happens, give me more power""

It's a cliché.

[Adding to that is probably "the strength enough to defeat the man in front of me". Good for you huh, you're quite popular]

[Otou-san's popular!]

"What gives if I get popular with men"

It's not like I'd get happy with that or anything, rather, I might even get tired of it.

And while that happened, the king continued to gradually get bigger. Finally, he exceeded 3 meters in height, and looked like a monster standing on two feet.

His whole body pulsed in red, he looked like an "Oni".

He'd completely be a Red Oni if you add horns and fangs, completely a monster.

"GYASHAAAA!"

That monster suddenly charged. His arm that got several times thicker—he punched with that arm that is thicker than my body.

I raised Eleanor and guarded—.

Gakiiiin!!

The sword and fist collided, but it was a metallic sound that was made.

Not only that, but I was blown away for some distance.

I didn't receive damage because I guarded. I regained my posture mid-air and landed.

I was blown away for ten and some meters with one blow.

My hand got numb. It also reached my elbow and shoulder.

[Otou-san?!!]

"I'm alright.... it looks like he powered up quite a lot"

[It looks like that's not all]

"Mu?!"

The monster stood at its place and looked up while roaring.

His roar was so loud that the ground shook. Soon after, a small monster appeared from that monster.

It looked like something melted out of its body and separated, fell to the ground, and changed its shape.

It gradually turned into a shape and changed color as well.

What was born was a mini version of that monster.

The original is over 3 meters and the clone is a little more than 1 meter.

Other than being a little cuter than the original, most of its features are the same.

And there is five of them in total.

The monster that was absorbed by Xiphos created five clones.

One of the clones charged, the original waved his hand as if to say "I'll leave it to you".

I blocked with Eleanor.

"Mu!"

I got a little surprised.

The clone's power was almost equal to the king before he transformed.

While getting impressed, I parried away its arm and kicked it away.

The small oni was blown away but immediately jumped up to a stand, and glared at me with an expression of anger.

"That's amazing, it could make such thing huh"

[That is its style]

"It would be great if you tell me that first"

[I forgot about it]

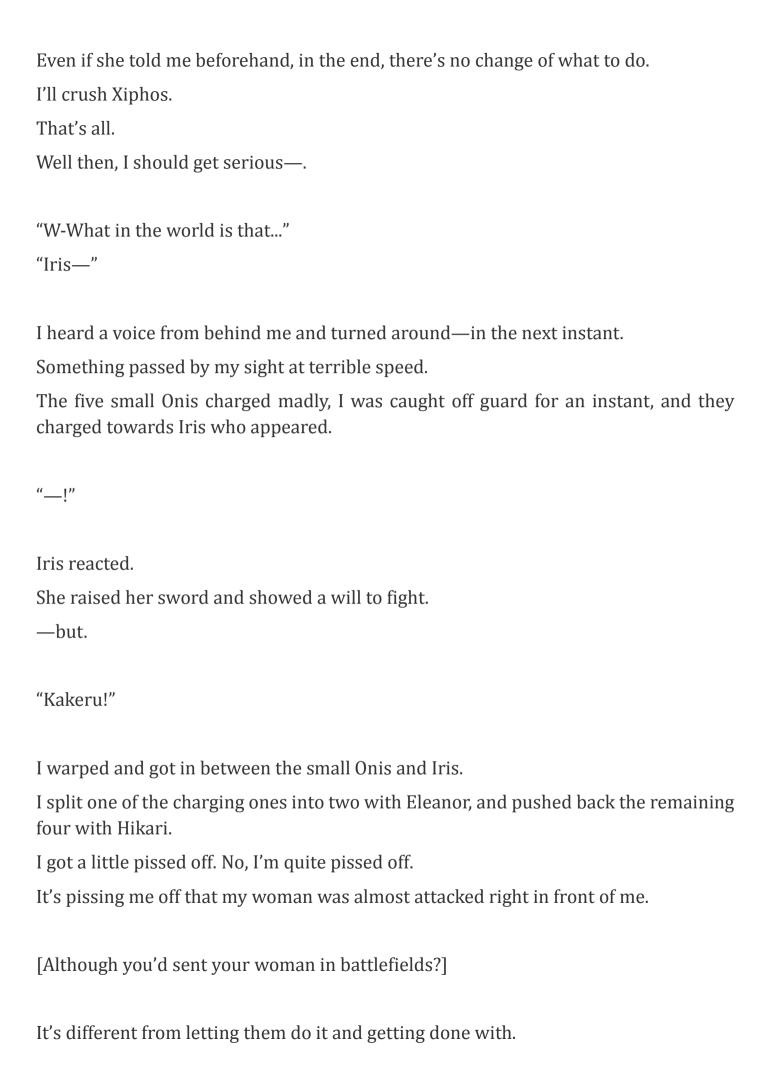
Eleanor casually retorted. Her tone shows that she doesn't feel bad about it at all.

"Next time when we're going to the lottery place, you'll be waiting at home" [What?! You! That's]

Instantly, her voice turned to that to a hard-pushed one.

That lottery place is the only place that Eleanor could return to her human body, and the place she could bond with her daughter Hikari.

Having that restricted would be a heavy punishment for the doting parent that she is. Well, leaving that aside.



I felt Eleanor lightly rolling her eyes. I ignored that.

I glared at the four remaining small Onis and the original Oni, King Mercouri who commands them.

These bastards... I'll crush them.

"That red light... that, is Father, huh"

Iris said from behind me with a serious tone.

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"Yeah. Move back, Iris"
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"Iris?"

"I'll fight with you. No, please let me fight"

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I couldn't help but turn around—this time, I turned around while keeping on mind the onis.

Our eyes met, and, I saw a strong light in Iris's eyes.

A strong will dwells within her eyes.

It is very—like her.

"Please, Kakeru—ngh!"

Seeing her plead, I grabbed her into an embrace and kissed her.

I love good women.

"W-What are you doing, Kakeru?!"

Iris blushed, but I asked her without keeping that in mind.

"In the cave, you were swinging your sword heavily with each attack. Can you fight not like that, but fight by increasing the number of your moves?"

"Eh? Ah, un. If I do my best"

"Yosh, then, I'll leave the small Onis to you. Attack them with numerous attacks"

"I got it"

Iris fixed her stance.

I also raised Eleanor and Hikari.

I raised them, and went towards the Oni.

The small Onis reacted and charged. I attacked each of them with a blow, passed through them, and went towards the original Oni.

I took a glance to check what's happening behind. Iris is intercepting the small Onis with numerous attacks just like I instructed.

Every time Iris cuts them, the dark aura that had stuck onto the body of the small Onis exploded.

The Demon Sword's aura, it's the technique I developed before that made the slave soldiers overwhelm Nana.

After checking that, I charged towards the Oni.

I clad myself with the dark cloak aura once again and raised the two Demon Swords.

From here on, it would be just as usual.

CHAPTER 130

THE POWER OF THE DEMON SWORD

I clashed with the Oni. We collided head-on and shockwaves that would blow away huge boulders were created. *Gakiiiin!!* It was a metal sound again, the Oni's very tough right hand.
"Eleanor!"
[Umu!]
I charged strength.
Arm strength multiplied 777x, Demon Sword Eleanor's power.
The attack fused with it pushed back the Oni's arm.
Slash!, the blade sinks to its arm.
"Haa!!"
Adding to that, I swung Eleanor with momentum. The next instant, the Oni's arm flew in the air.
The arm was blown away, drawing an arc.
The Oni wailed and punched with its remaining hand.
"Hikari!"
[I'll do my best!]
I retaliated with Hikari. Colliding with the fist, a vertical wound was made.

"GYAAAAAA!"

The Oni raised a screaming wail, staggered, and withdrew.

I pursued. I slashed with the mother and daughter blades.

Red magic powers and fresh blood splatters, its flesh was scraped off.

Finally, the Oni returned to a human.

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"Guffu..... gahha!"
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The bloody king crawls on the ground naked.

Nothing was there from his right arm's elbow.

The right arm that I cut off was on the ground a distance away, and it also returned to a human form while still holding Xiphos strongly.

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"Not yet... it's not over, yet... gahha!!"
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I ignored the king and went towards Xiphos that was dropped.

Everything should end as long as I crush that.

I stood in front of Xiphos and raised Eleanor to a swing.

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"Stop... stooooooopppp!!!"
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The king came flying.

He rushed so quickly that it you with unexpected strength remaining and punched with his left first.

Like a candle's last flicker huh.

I punched him away with the back of my hand while holding Hikari.

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"Give up already"
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[&]quot;Stop, please stop"

"—haaa!!"

I ignored the king's halt and swung Eleanor down.

Xiphos on the ground broke into two after making a beautiful metallic sound.

"A-Ahhhh..."

King Mercouri groaned with despair.

"It's finished with this"

[That's right]

[What will you do with him?]

"He shouldn't be able to do anything without Xiphos. I'll return him to the Kingdom after sticking his right arm"

While saying that, I opened my different dimension warehouse, and took out a magic ball (white).

[You'll even cure him? How nice of you]

"Iris doesn't wish him killed too. Xiphos is broken. The goal is complete with that.... you have any problem with that?"

[Not at all]

Eleanor somewhat seemed to be in a great mood.

I could feel her great mood from when Xiphos was broken.

It's probably because it's proven that she's at a higher level as a Demon Sword.

I don't have any problem with that, but I thought I'll leave her alone for a while.

I thought of something, so after thoroughly crushing Xiphos that was broken into two using Hikari, I picked up the king's right hand and went towards him, then healed him with the magic ball.

The severed arm stuck back and his wounds were completely healed.

But, the king was still crestfallen and wouldn't move.

He's mumbling about something.

It's easy to tell how shocked he is with Xiphos getting crushed.

I should ignore this too. I don't have any obligation to take care of a man's mental health.

"Kakeru!"

I heard Iris's voice and turned around.

She ran towards me with her sword sheathed.

I could see the four small Onis' corpses in some distance away.

"Are you alright?"

"I'm fine. Father is—"

"I healed his body. I'll leave the rest to you"

"I got it"

Iris took out a something cylindrical from her pocket and threw it towards the sky.

That thing became light as if it melted half-way, flew much higher, and then popped in the sky like a firework.

A signal huh.

After a while, I could hear a great number of footsteps.

What came were Mercouri soldiers, there were approximately 100 of them.

Iris probably called them with that signal earlier.

The soldiers went in front of Iris and saluted.

Iris ordered the soldiers to do something. The soldiers went towards the king, gently raised him, and took him away.

It's all settled down, I guess.

What's left is—Iris.

I looked at Iris. Our eyes met and she looked away with a blushing face.

Where did her gallantness from earlier went? She transformed into a very cute

woman. How cute. This gap is very cute. I approached and stared straight at her in arm's distance. "It's over" "...un" With some shyness remaining, Iris looked straight at me with a resolute face. "Please, make me Kakeru's" "Do you have any request? I'll grant you anything you wish" "Do as you'd like to" "Un?" She stared at me with a stronger gaze. Iris nodded clearly. "I want... Kakeru to do as he'd like to" She meant that, huh. She's saying... she'd willingly want "anything". It was very Iris-like and she looked more and more lovely. "I'll do what I want to" "Un..." And, she looked down with flushed cheeks. I placed my hands on her shoulder and brought my face closer to hers. Iris closed her eyes.

Our lips got closer and closer.

And.

[GU0000000000!!]

The ground trembled and Iris with a kissing face lost her balance.

A shockwave that pierces, penetrating the skin.

Iris opened her eyes and I quickly turned around.

In there—an Oni.

A completely different Oni from earlier, an Oni whose whole body is pulsing red.

Soldiers were surrounding—no, they were waiting upon the Oni.

They seemed lifeless, with eyes seemingly empty, but regardless of that, they're releasing killing intents towards us.

Furthermore, their body is covered with red light. The same red light with the Oni.

I looked at the ground, the crushed pieces of Xiphos is still there.

"Xiphos's power... but, why"

"Oi, Eleanor!"

[It looks like it's an ace up on its sleeve. It is probably hiding inside the king]

A guessing tone, it looks like Eleanor doesn't know about it as well.

[It is originally separated in two, it looks like it can divide or transfer. It probably learned a new trick]

"I see "

[Otou-san, what will you do?]

" "

I looked at Iris. Her expression is between that of being troubled and pleading.

Seeing that, I kissed her.

She got dumbfounded and surprised.

"Leave it to me"

"...un! Please"

I left Iris and approached the Oni and the soldiers.

[What are you going to do? If you just defeat it, it would only change vessels and revive]

I know that, it's probably that type.

Against those types, I only need to change the manner of doing it.

"While I'm at it, I'll also raise your reputation"

[My reputation? What are you talking about]

"Hikari, help as well"

[Un! Hikari, what should she do?]

I did not answer and showed it through action instead.

Eleanor and Hikari, with the two of them in their sheathe, I closed my eyes.

I strongly felt the existence.

The power—I drew in the mother and daughter's power.

"The aura..."

I heard Iris's whisper and opened my eyes.

I was clad with an amount of aura that I had never been before.

A part of it became a dark cloak and covered my body and the remaining majority coiled around me.

It's like the main character of a battle manga.

I approached the Oni and the soldiers in that state.

I approached them and extended the aura.

I covered the Oni and soldiers that releases red like with the dark aura.

I felt resistance coming from the red light, but I ignored it and pushed it in.

I pushed it in and pulled out Xiphos from the king and soldiers.

A tug of war.

The red light and dark aura, a tug of war concerning the soldiers.

The next instant, the surrounding scenery transformed.

As if I was warped to a completely different place compared to the forest just outside the cave.

A space fillled with light.

"This is..."

"Otou-san, you're naked"

I heard the mother and daughter's voices.

I turned around and saw the two of them.

The mother and daughter in a naked human form—in addition, I'm also completely naked.

"Spiritual space, huh"

"It seems to be so... were you aiming for this?"

"You can tell?"

"Right now, that is"

Eleanor grinned.

A fearless smile looks very good on her.

"If so, then you know what to do"

"Umu. Leave it to me"

"Hikari will do her best too!"

I nodded back to the mother and daughter and looked ahead.

In there, was a red ball of light.

I went towards that ball of light with the two.

It is—to completely crush it.

CHAPTER 131

Conclusion

I reached out my hand and grabbed the ball of light.

The ball of light resisted.

It went around rampantly in the palm of my hand, struggled, and tried to escape.

I feel a burning sensation from my palm, the light it released leaked out between my fingers, and went around rampantly without a pattern and pierced the space.

I ignored all of that and firmly grabbed the ball of light.

I grasped it tightly.

This is not the world in reality. It is the spiritual space where Demon Swords are connected.

What decides win and loss is not only arm strength.

What means everything is spiritual strength and the Demon Sword's power.

"It's Otou-san's power"

"I'll agree to that just for now"

The mother and daughter said.

Soon after, my power rose up.

A power that has a completely different quality compared to Xiphos.

I used that power and grasped the ball of light tightly.

The red light flickers. It shone wildly than ever and released a blinding flash.

The way it shone reminisces an alarm lamp.

Uneasiness, resistance, and plea.

I could feel those kinds of emotions.

Of course, I ignored them, I completely ignored such things.

I increased the strength that I grabbed it.

The ball of light bents and changes its shape like a rubber ball.

I grasped it, bending it to its limits, and—it popped.

It turned to something like water droplets and splattered into pieces.

It shattered, and the red light turned into fog.

While it melted and disappeared.

—I shall not forget this humiliation.

I heard that voice.

It's a hoarse voice, like an old man's voice.

A voice that cursed, and vented all the hatred it could have.

It was completely a loser's whining.

"That voice right now, it isn't the king right?"

"It's Xiphos"

"You knew him, huh. But well, even if he told me he'd not forget—ah!"

"You remembered huh. That's right, that thing's other half still remains in Aegina" "Oh right, I see"

I had completely forgotten about that.

It was King Mercouri who wanted to take that back.

That still remains, and it said it won't forget.

It looks like there would be another fight in the future.

Well, that's fine too.

I only need to crush it once again at that time.

After I thought of that, the space was filled with black light.

Without needing anyone to explain it, I knew that it's Eleanor and Hikari's light.

I closed my eyes and felt their existence.

Eleanor and Hikari, the two's existence.

It was as if they are inside me, but envelopes my whole body as well.

It was such a strange feeling.

A feeling that I had never experienced before, it was the closest, that I felt the mother and daughter's existence.



My senses returned.

I slowly opened my eyes.

It's a world full of reality.

Signs of battle, and the king and soldiers collapsed on the ground.

The smell of blood and residue of magic powers are suspending in the air.

I drew the Demon Swords.

The two Demon Swords, Eleanor and Hikari.

The mother and daughter, holding them felt more familiar than ever before.

Although I am holding them through their hilt, it was as if they became a part of my body.

It's a new stage, I stepped further into another domain.

It felt like that.

"Kakeru"

Iris called out to me.

I sheathed the Demon Swords and turned to her.

"It ended, this time, completely"

"Yeah, I knew by looking"

"I see"

Well, it can't be helped, she should be able to tell after seeing them collapsing.
Well then, since it has ended.
I pulled Iris into an embrace.

It is finally that time.

This time for sure, there was nothing on the way.

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"Let's go"
"Un..."
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After answering clearly, Iris nodded shyly.

I pulled her into an embrace and warped to the mansion's bedroom using the Warp Feather.

Hikari returned to her human form and left the bedroom.

I pushed Iris on top of the bed.

"Kakeru"

"What?"

"Is there anything that I can do? What should I do to make Kakeru happier?"

Iris stared straight back at me.

They were not the script of a woman who is about to get embraced in bed.

She did not speak of things like "please be gentle".

There is no nervousness in her expression and her eyes are staring straight at me as if to challenge.

It is very Iris-like.

"Wasn't it me doing what I want?"

"That's right, but I still want to do something for Kakeru—ngh!"

I kissed her, I covered Iris's mouth with my lips.

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"...puha~"
"Raise your voice"
"Eh?"
"Don't hold it back at all, raise your voice as much as you want, make me enjoy"
"My voice...?"
"Got it?"
"Y-Yeah..."
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Iris nodded with a red face.

Just like how I declared, and just like how she pleaded.

I embraced her throughout the whole night.

CHAPTER 132

HELENE ON AMBUSH

I could hear the bird chirping from outside of the window.

Morning, I woke up from the bed.

Iris is quietly sleeping beside me.

As a result of loving her for the whole night, at dawn, she got completely exhausted, and slept as if she lost her consciousness.

But, even so.

"Kakeru..."

Her lips that spoke sleep talk were shaped into a smile.

[What a lovable girl]

"You should learn to read the atmosphere a little more"

[Wasn't I silent for the whole night?]

"How condescending, I mean, I don't care if you don't keep quiet. All you could do is make some noise after all"

[You've said it? Since you say so, I'll be sticking into your business when you embrace someone next time]

"Just try me"

I scoffed at her.

No matter what Eleanor does, she would only be noisy.

In the past, as a Demon Sword, she was able to control humans and use their body as she wishes.

No, she's probably still able to do that.

However, it doesn't work on me.

I have resistance against Demon Sword's control that the people of this world do not

have, and it is multiplied 777x.

That's why, Eleanor cannot control my body.

Rather, I'm the only person in this world who can push back Demon Sword Eleanor's domination.

That's why all that she could do is noisily rant inside my head.

And even if she does that, when I am seriously loving my cute women, I can ignore such noise.

That's why there's no problem.

I covered Iris with a blanket, got off the bed, and left the room.

"Good morning, Kakeru-sama"

Helene was there.

"Helene? You, why are you here?"

"I have been waiting for you"

"Waiting?"

"Yes, after hearing that Iris would have Kakeru-sama's love. So I have been waiting here"

"Heard it? From who?"

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Smiling pleasantly, but Helene did not answer.

Well, that doesn't matter I guess.

"And so? What were you waiting for?"

"Iris with her first time... no, even if it is not someone in their first time, I believed that a single woman would be able to satisfy Kakeru-sama. Right now, it is impossible even if it is the Immortal Saintess"

"In short?"

"I will be Kakeru-sama's partner, in Iris's stead"

I see.

Frankly speaking, she's saying that she came to take responsibility for her little sister's deficiency.

And to anticipate that, as expected of her.

I held Helene's shoulder, pulled her towards me, and kissed her.

"Kakeru-sama..."

That face of her makes be in the mood and her breath's plea excites me.

Being the exact opposite of her little sister adds to that as well.

"Please, in Iris's stead, please take me..."

"No, I changed my mind"

"Eh?! N-No way..."

Helene showed a face that was about to cry.

I pulled her to me and dragged her into the room.

Inside the room where Iris is still sleeping.

"K-Kakeru-sama?"

"Don't say things like "instead". I'll take care of you sisters"

"Ah...!"

She took in a breath and blushed.

And, Helene timidly nodded.

"Please, take care of me"

"Ahh"

I nodded.

I kissed Helene once again.

I kissed Helene until Iris heard the commotion and awakened.

After that, I embraced the sisters altogether.

CHAPTER 133 THE ROLE MODEL WOMAN

Within the drowsiness of sleep, I heard somebody talking beside me.

"Ufufu..."

"Elder sister, you seem very happy"

"I am happy, after all, Iris received love from Kakeru-sama as well. Fufu..."

I somewhat felt ticklish.

I slightly opened my eyes and saw Helene and Iris.

Helene is gently stroking my head and was fiddling with my hair.

Iris is watching that from the side.

I got curious about what they were talking about, so I faked sleep.

"Are you happy that he loved me? Elder sister"

"Of course. Being loved by Kakeru-sama, there is no greater fortune as a woman"

"That much, huh"

"Iris should've experienced it already"

"Experienced..."

"Being in Kakeru-sama's arms, you should have already felt the happiness during that time"

"That is..."

Iris hesitated to continue her words.

I slightly opened my eyes, and saw her fidgeting with a red face.

She is so cute—she was so cute that I had the urge to wake up and push her down.

"Elder sister, can I, can I ask one thing?"

"What is it?"

"This feeling, this emotion. Is this, just with... Kakeru?"

"I will say this as objectively as possible. That thing that Iris is feeling right now, I think that most probably, other men could grant it to you"

"...eh?"

Iris was surprised, her voice seemed as if she was about to cry.

But towards that, "fufu", Helene continued with a mischievous smile.

"What you can receive from Kakeru-sama, it is equal to what tens—no, hundreds of men can give. I believe that the difference between them is like a delicious wine brewed for several hundred years and a prisoner's liquor"

What the heck is a prisoner's liquor?

"Ahh, that same thing that the soldiers are making huh. That thing that was fermented using provisions and saliva"

"Iris is more knowledgeable about that huh. Yes, that is right. Both of them are alcohol, you are able to get drunk from it. However, good liquors does not only make you drunk"

"...un"

"Kakeru-sama's love is not only limited to happiness as well. Both mind and body. As a woman and as a person. It is love that fills everything"

"...I think, I could understand"

"What Kakeru-sama has given might be possible even for other men to give. However, it would be overwhelmingly meager and inferior. At least, that is what I believe. That's why"

"Elder sister..."

The feeling of Helene's hand disappeared from my head.

I slightly opened my eyes and saw Helene touching Iris's cheeks.

Helene making an affectionate face and Iris with eyes that stared straight back at her.

"I am happy that what Iris received was not Aegina's crown prince's love, but Kakerusama's love. As an elder sister, I could not be happier" "...thank you, elder sister" "What a weird girl. I am just being happy" Helene chuckled with a laugh that sounded like beautiful bells. "Un. Even so, thank you" "Elder sister?" "What~?" "If I do that, will I be able to become a woman that is more suitable to Kakeru?" It's a very Iris-like question. There's no need to think about that, Iris should just be Iris. Being a good woman is the best if the woman acted in her nature. At least, that's what I think, and that's how the woman around me is. That's why, I thought of "waking up" and tell her that, but. "That is the biggest problem" The tone of Helene's voice changed. The kind and loving elder sister's voice, instantly changed to something like a worried, stray sheep. "That is something, that we have always thought about. And it is also something that we discussed many times face to face"

We?

""We"?"

Iris had the same question.

"Me, Queen Luka Her Majesty, Princess Aura Her Highness, Queen Fiona Her Majesty, and Queen Marie Her Majesty. We gathered together, and discussed after discussions"

What is with that ridiculous line-up?

It's a bit... seriously, a summit.

"Kakeru-sama who has far higher caliber even compared to the heroes in history all over the world. And towards that Kakeru-sama, what must we do to become a woman suitable to him"

" "

"There is only happiness from one-sidedly receiving his love, but it is frustrating as a woman"

"Lunderstand... I think"

Iris agreed.

For me, I think that they're thinking too much.

Both these princess sisters beside me, and the woman whose names were mentioned.

All of them are good women, they're good women that do not need to think of such a thing.

"After many discussions, we concluded that there are two women who can be a role model"

Two? Who and who?

"The first one is?"

"Delfina Homers Lanmari. Right now, she is in the closest to be in the position of being equal with Kakeru-sama"

Delfina huh.

Well, I can understand that. She's a good woman, and it's not like she's completely mine.

To make her completely mine, I need to buy her together with all of her fortunes.

With that reason, I can tell why Helene and the others would treat her as a role model.

If so, who's the other one?

If the first one is Delfina, then the other one is... $u \sim n$.

I don't have a clue. All of them are good women, but were there someone who is outstanding enough to be their role model?

Don't tell me, is it Hikari?

That might be the case.

Hikari should become a good woman from now on after all.

"And the other one is? Elder sister"

Iris asked seemingly rushed. I also got curious so I heightened my hearing.

"Miu Mi Myuu. The maid that serves Kakeru-sama"

What mentioned, was quite an unexpected name.

CHAPTER 134 THE WOMEN'S DECLARATION

In the afternoon in the living room, I am *MofuMofu*-ing Miu.

Miu's *MofuMofu* that I haven't done because of Iris's troubles.

Her fluffy coat is so good that I cannot help let out "Fuwaa \sim ..." when I'm *MofuMofu*-ing her.

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And, Iris is staring at that.

"What is it?"

"No... it's..."

"I'll say this beforehand. I won't let you MofuMofu her alright. Miu's MofuMofu is mine alone"

"That's alright. It's not that, I'm just curious about her"

"I see"

If so, then it's fine.

The reason why Iris is curious about Miu is probably because of what Helene said.

There are two role models, one is Delfina and Miu is the other.

Iris is probably curious about Miu after hearing that.

Honestly, it really doesn't matter.

The reason why Helene is looking at Miu as a role model doesn't matter.

Anyways, it's *MofuMofu*!

MofuMofu, *MofuMofu*.

Her whole body is warm and fluffy and *MofuMofu*.

The reason why Miu's *MofuMofu* is great is not only because her coat is soft.

It's the way she moves her body according to my hand and maintains the best MofuMofu position.

Honestly speaking, even if it's Miu, her coat's MofuMofuness drops after *MofuMofu*-ing her.

But she would turn to the best MofuMofu part, and casually groom the place I *MofuMofu*-d.

After a while, that place I previously *MofuMofu*-d would return to its optimum MofuMofuness, and return back to my palm.

Miu, she is a MofuMofu Master.

"Uhm, can I, talk?"

"Alright"

I nodded to iris.

It's fine talking, I'll only *MofuMofu* her while she's at it.

"Most of the aftermath had been dealt with, so I thought of letting Kakeru know. First, Xiphos had completely disappeared"

"He~"

"We thoroughly investigated both physically and magically, but it looks like Xiphos had completely left that place"

"Physically too? Did the thing that was Xiphos disappear too? Its scrapped metal should be remaining there"

"About that, it looks like it was destroyed, no weathered on that day"

"He~, is that so"

[That is what a Demon Sword is]

Eleanor cuts in.

I see, the last moment of a Demon Sword is like that huh.

"We couldn't confirm what happened on the other Xiphos in Aegina"

"Don't worry about that. I'm pretty sure it still remains"

"...I agree"

"I'll do something about it someday along the way. Don't worry about it anymore"

"Okay"

Iris nodded. Her happy smiling face proves that she trusts me.

"Father is... he's just like before, for good and for bad. He's enthused saying that he'd get a different power if Xiphos is a failure"

"He didn't learn his lesson huh"

"Father's ambition would probably not disappear, so from now on, I'm going to follow up to him from the side so I won't get caught into it. Although, the circumstance is the circumstance, so it might not be easy"

"Rather than that, make it that you won't get caught into it again. Ahh, if it's something like getting sent to a battlefield, it's fine—"

"I know"

Iris interrupted my words.

"I am already Kakeru's woman. I'm thinking of taking some measures so that there won't be any ideas of me being married off"

"Then it's fine. If you weren't thinking of that, I thought that I would place some kind of mark on you, but it's fine then"

"Mark?"

"Yeah, a mark that says you're mine"

"Kakeru's... mark..."

Iris muttered, soon after, her face was blushed red, and she placed a hand on her neck. It's the place that I put a kiss mark on Iris's when I embraced her throughout the night.



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"What kind of thing is in there? Well, whatever. Bring it here" "Yes!" Miu stood up and left the living room while waving her tail. And soon after, she quickly returned. There's a golden hoop in her hand. "It's this, Master" "What... is this?" "An armlet" "Armlet?" I took it from her and stared down at it. It is quite heavy. From its color shade, there is no doubt that it's made of gold. A decorative, golden armlet. There's something like this huh. "This is?" "It's something that Master bought" "I bought it?" [It's one of the things that you bought when you find out that you could get lottery tickets by shopping] "...ahh"

I dropped a fist to my palm.

I remembered it.

It's one of the things I bought when I shopped using 300 silver coins.

Honestly, I forgot about it up until now.

"How about putting this, on Iris-sama?"

"...ahh, that might be good"
"I'll try and wear it"

Iris said that and received the armlete from Miu.

She passed her arm through it.

She passed it up to her upper arm, and fixed the golden armlet there.

"...Miu, is there a dress here? Something like this, exposes lots of skin, and a thin one" "There is"

"Let Iris wear that, while wearing that armlet"

"Yes!"

Miu ran again, brought the dress immediately, and let Iris wear it.

Iris turned into a dancer from a war princess.

And the golden armlet on her arm while in those clothes.

"H-How is it?"

Iris asked timidly.

She looked like she is uneasy with her unfamiliar look.

I pushed down Iris without any words.

She looked so good on it that she is so lovely and sexy, so I got turned on.



"K-Kakeru?"

I kissed the surprised Iris and whispered to her while staring straight into her eyes.

"Wear that armlet, wear it always when you're with me"

"...un! I got it!"

From a face of surprise, Iris's face smiled, and nodded while being under me.

I kissed her once more, and carried her to an embrace.

We left the living room and went to the bedroom.

When we arrived there, Miu who left beforehand came out of the bedroom, and bowed her head.

I looked inside. The preparation to embrace Iris is complete.

"Good job"

"Please take your time, Master"

Iris said that, and closed the door instead of me with my arms blocked.

I put down Iris on top of the bed and pinned her down.

She was staring at the door.

"I see... that's what it was"

"What is it?"

"U~un, it's nothing"

Iris shook her head, and stared at me.

She looked at me with feverish eyes and excited face.

"I am, going to become more and more of a woman that Kakeru likes. I'll do my best to

become one"

"Do your best. I'll make love for you if you become a good woman"

"Un.... I'm, regretful about one thing"

"What is it?"

"I should've, I should've loved Kakeru earlier. Just like Elder Sister"

Iris's face when she said that was the loveliest one that I have ever seen.

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CHAPTER 135

UPHEAVAL

In the stone-paved underground space where only a torch unreliably illuminates.

More than that of the stale air, an evil presence that fills that space itself.

One man is standing in that space where evil beings prefer.

Aegina Kingdom's First Prince and Prime Minister Prince, Kimon Mo Aegina.

That man who is the next King Aegina is awfully fat and sloppy.

Only his glaring eyes alone shows his intense personality of using the powers he was born with without hesitations.

He is standing in a place he should not be and chanting the incantation he must not cast.

A magic circle unfolds in the ground in front of him. That magic circle is flickering irregularly.

Its intervals gradually decreased and the density of the magic powers in the air increases.

A scene that would involuntarily make someone anticipate that it is finally that time!

—but, "it" did not happen.

The flickering lost its speed and the heightened magic powers popped just like a balloon.

"Damn it! Again huh. Why! Why cannot they be summoned!"

Kimon cursed.

""They" were summoned with this before! Why are they not appearing! I even prepared sacrifices"

A naked woman is lying in the middle of the magic circle in front of Kimon.

The woman was not moving an inch even though despite of not being restrained.

"Did the condition changed? It cannot be helped. I should give up on the higher ones and call the lower ones. I should be able to forcefully call those guys"

He said that and casted once again.

A rhythmical incantation that could be heard as a song.

The magic circle's flickering regained its previous momentum and the tension in the air returned.

"Uu..."

The woman groaned. Kimon who saw that raised the corner of his lips.

—and.

"Shut the fuck up! Who is it!"

One man appeared from the magic circle.

"That" is a male, but not a human.

The size of his body and his limbs are the same with that of a human, but his skin which is between blue and black, sharp canines, and horns growing from his head strongly emphasizes that he is not a human being.

"It's you huh, the bastard that called me"

"That's right. I am Aegina Kingdom's First Prince, Kimon Mo Aegina"

"He~, a prince huh. Middle-aged princes also exists huh"

Kimon's eyebrows twitched.

He showed a clear expression of unpleasantness. "A prince on his middle ages", those are the taboo words for him.

"A prince in his fortieth year". There are also ones who would ridicule him with that, and it is a taboo that those who were found out saying it would be executed.

But Kimon endured that.

It is because he has something to ask from the evil being in front of him.

"I'll go straight to the point. Did the conditions for summoning changed?"

"Haa? My dear prince, are you that? Did you try to summon those higher guys?"

"Yeah"

"Give it up, give it up. Right now, those higher ones changed their policy that they won't get involved with the human world. No matter how much you call then, they won't answer you"

"Won't get involved? Why?"

"Well, no shit. That fucking Demon Sword Wielder—oops"

The evil being hurriedly covered his mouth with his hands.

"What? Stop pausing your words"

"It's nothing. Anyways, we great ones won't be getting involved with the human world for a while. It's something that the higher guys decided"

"How long is for a while?" "Let me see... that bastard is around 20 right now, so if he dies by old age... well, 50-60 years"

"Stop messing around! I cannot wait that long!"

Kimon got furious.

"50-60 years is just a little while, kekeke"

The evil being laughed.

Obviously, "they" live far longer than humans.

Tens of years is only a little while that would pass very quickly. At least, that is what they think.

"That's the case, so I'll be going now alright. Also, I'll say this beforehand. It's fine forcefully calling us, but we won't cooperate with you. See ya"

"Wait!"

"Haa? I'm telling you we won't"

"Are you fine with that?"

"What?"

"I am asking. Tens of years without getting involved with humans. Would your stomach hold for that long?"

"

The evil being got silent. Kimon grinned.

"They" get involved with humans and received life force, vigor, and in some case, souls as compensation.

And if one would ask what they would do with that, "they" would use it to fill their stomach.

In short, it's their meal.

"Those higher ones should have something to rely on for food even without getting involved with humans for tens of years. But that would not be the same for you, right? It must be hard for you not eating for tens of years"

"...yeah"

"Cooperate with me. What, don't worry, just do it secretly. Do it secretly and get something to eat as compensation. They wouldn't know it if you do it secretly. Or is it, you're only going to watch them eat their fill?"

"...they shouldn't find out"

"You should be more knowledgeable about that right? Doing things secretly without those higher ups finding out exists in any world right?"

"...Ossan, you have your troubles too huh"

The evil being laughed with a grin and Kimon laughed as well.

"Letting things pass by as long as it's not too excessive is the duty of a person standing above"

"Alright, if you really insist, I'll lend you a hand. In exchange, I'll take the compensations properly"

"I'll prepare double of the usual"

"Keke"

"Fufufu"

Just like that, the contract was made.

The contract that ruins the intention of avoiding the Demon Sword Wielder was made without anyone knowing.

CHAPTER 136

THE WEALTHY MERCHANT AND THE PRINCESS

Two girls are lying down on top of the bed.

One is Iris and the other one is Delfina.

When I thought they had fallen asleep after getting tired of being loved for the whole night, Delfina raised her body.

She combed her beautiful hair that was stuck to her cheeks due to perspiration using her finger, and groomed herself.

I am sitting on a sofa away from the bed and talked to Delfina who's on the top of the bed just like that.

"Are you alright now?"

"Yes, just this much is..."

"Those aren't lines said after doing erotic things"

"Making love with you is similar to that with fighting after all"

"That's a new way to describe it. Interesting"

"It is also interesting that most of the girls around you are fighting to lose"

"Are you different then?"

"I'm not just fighting to lose"

...just, huh.

It's very Delfina-like.

"This girl is also, not only fighting just to lose"

She said that and looked at the sleeping Iris.

"He~?"

"Were you fighting without knowing it? While we were doing it—she was always observing me until you messed her up"

"Come to think of it, it's Iris who called on you"

Since I made a harem, the night's 3P isn't that unusual, but the women's partner or other one is...

Nominating that other one is just very unusual.

Well, that's also probably because of what Helene said.

Helene mentioned Miu and Delfina as women to be taken as a role model, so Iris did this.

"She must be up to something"

Her naivety that Delfina easily found out about it is a little cute.

"That might be so"

"You are making a face like it doesn't matter too though"

"Really? I think that it's fun though?"

"...I guess my words were not enough. You're making a face about her being up to something, but its contents doesn't matter"

"Yeah"

That's right.

It's fun looking at her doing something, but its contents doesn't matter.

That is with all of my women. They are in their loveliest, prettiest, and brightest when they are thinking and doing something.

That's why I think that it's good to be up to something, but its contents doesn't really matter.

"I might need to say thanks to her"

"Un?"

"I will be going to be busy for a while now, so. Thanks for calling me"

"I see"

Our conversation stopped.

That continued for ten-odd seconds.

"As I've thought. You won't ask why I am going to be busy huh"

"Go and earn as much as you want. I'll eat you properly later after you got fat. It's that kind of promise right"

I smiled at Delfina with a grin.

Delfina is substantially my woman, but both of us made it that it's not.

The Wealthy Merchant Delfina who have assets equal to that of a kingdom, restricted her marriage partner to "a man who would purchase her together with her assets".

I promised that I would someday buy her together with all of her assets, and it is currently nominally called "trial period".

Of course, it's not all but words.

I'm really—seriously planning to do that.

I'm thinking that the best time to "eat" her is when Delfina who has assets equal to that of a kingdom becomes the world's richest.

If we did not talk about that, I would've simply made her my woman, but since we did—I'm thinking that she must become the world's richest no matter what.

"Oh my~, how scary. I might as well be chained with an armlet someday"

Delfina is not wearing the golden armlet that Iris had started to wear.

After noticing Iris, that thing that I'm planning to give my women, I won't give Delfina one.

That would also be for the future—it's a tacit consent.

"I'll chain you up with it. Just you wait"

"Fufufu" "Hmph" Delfina and I stared at each other, and smiled. I felt that her eyes are asking me to kiss her, so I kissed her. "You're quite eager huh" "You're going to get busy for a while right?" "However, the chances of us meeting might increase" "What do you mean?" I tilted my head. "The reason why I am going to get busy is because I got hold of an interesting movement in Aegina Kingdom. I still cannot say the specifics, but there is an interesting movement that smells a huge profit" "He~" "And, Kakeru-sama is aiming at Aegina next right?" "Why do you think so?" Delfina smiled with a smirk. She started counting with her fingers. "Mercouri's Princess sisters, Calamba's Queen, Comotoria's Princess, Siracuza's Queen sisters"

"After going this far, even a three-years-old could speculate which you would aim for

Delfina mischievously smiled.

next"

There is a saying "Five Great Kingdoms"—and I am also called "Goshaku(Five-noble-titled)".

It's as she says, even a three-year-old could tell.

"Although reasonable, there might be no good women in Aegina"

"Didn't you made good women in Siracuza yourself"

Fiona and Marie huh.

It's true that it's me who made them queens.

She's saying that I should just make one in such case. I see.

"The chances of us meeting might really increase"

Either way, I'm planning on crushing Xiphos's other half, so I would be getting involved with Aegina someday.

If Delfina's going to act, then moving together with her might be more interesting.

"That's why—"

"But, that isn't a reason for me to not do you now"

"Eh?"

Delfina got surprised. I exchanged my position with her and pushed her down on the sofa.

I kissed her once again.

"...Iris"

"-Y-Yesh!"

Being called suddenly, Iris raised a dumbfounded voice.

"Come here"

"...when did you notice?"

"Your feigning asleep? It's from the start. There's no way that you'd get tired before Delfina after all"

I embraced both of them just the same. Even if you deduct the difference with experience, there is no way that Iris would get tired before Delfina.

Even so, the reason why she feigned asleep and eavesdropped is to observe Delfina.

Well, I decided not to point that out.

Right now, rather than that—.

"ngh!"

I kissed Iris as well.

I placed an arm around her waist, pulled her up to me and kissed her.

After that, I kissed Delfina as well, and after that, I kissed Iris again.

I kissed the two of them and loved them to my heart's content.

CHAPTER 137

PRIVATE - NANA

"It's boring"

I let out a huge yawn in my mansion's living room.

It is peaceful today since morning.

I called Miu and *MofuMofu*-d her, played with Hikari, and pushed down Io who was about to go to the Guild to work and did it once.

I did a lot of things at my leisure, but I had already gotten bored of it after lunch.

[I shall tell you a good way to kill time]

"What's that?"

[Hand over to me the control of your body. I shall make you spend an unboring life with a human's lifespan]

"Who'd do that, idiot"

[Really? I was even planning on teaching you the Demon Sword's way to make love with a woman]

"You can do something like that?"

[I had done it with the guys I manipulated in the past]

"He~"

Come to think of it, she said that she had been with overlords or heroes.

Guys like those have an image that they would do women all they'd like, and probably, it's what she got from that experience in the past.

"By the way, how'd you do it? Would you grow tentacles from the Demon Sword?"
[I can do that as well, but it is not my taste]

You can do it huh.

[Using the host's "thing", I would slowly violate the woman's mind from her inside. They would be able to feel pleasure that is out of this world]

"Is it like this?"

I focused on my aura and created an arm.

It's the move I used to attack Xiphos and the soldier's spirit.

[The principle is the same. You should use that with your women as well] "I'm not interested so I won't"

It's uninteresting making love with my women using this.

[Kuku. How about playing with Nana Kanou who likes to move her body?] "Hmm, Nana huh"

I looked towards the direction of the slave soldier's barracks.

Recently, Nana is staying there, so I haven't met her properly for quite a while. I should go and meet her.



"Your Excellency!"

When I entered the barracks, I encountered the slave soldier's first platoon captain, Nikki Cephalis.

Seeing me, Nikki sharply placed her feet together, and looked like she would salute anytime.

"I request permission to know your business!"

"Is Nana around?"

"Nana-sama must be in Neora's room" "Neora?" It's an unfamiliar name. "It is the second platoon's captain, Neora Comenena. I request permission to guide you to her room" "No, I'd go myself. Where's that room?" Nikki who's a different person on the bed told me where's Neora's room, so I went there. I came in front of the room and knocked on the door. "Who?" "It's me" "Me...? Kakeru-sama?" From a calm voice, it had completely changed, and I could hear noisy sounds from inside. The door quickly opened and one woman showed herself. The second platoon captain, Neora Comenena. I had just learned her name (I probably heard it before) right now, but I know her face. Just as expected of a platoon captain, she's a woman who has a good swordsmanship. Unlike Nana and my style, her style of fighting is that which doesn't use force, but aims at the enemy with one sharp attack. At the same time, she's a woman who's big-breasted on a higher order within my slave soldiers. [You don't remember her name, but you know that...]

I heart Eleanor's voice mixed with a sigh, but I ignored it.

"Do you need something? Kakeru-sama"

"I heard that Nana is here"

"Welcome. Please come inside"

"Yeah"

Lentered Neora's room.

A slave soldier's room. Described in a word, this room in the building that I had made after making a 200-men slave troops, is something like a one-room apartment.

It's not that much of a room, but it was accepted enthusiastically by the slaves.

I think they told me something like "I can't believe it that we'd get a single room although we're slaves".

And inside that one room, Nana is sleeping.

With thin clothing that she wouldn't usually show, she is sleeping in a way that is unbecoming of a woman.

"She's sleeping huh"

[She is sleeping]

Come to think of it, why is Nana sleeping here?

I wondered, and looked at Neora—but.

"n... Neora"

"Good morning, Nana-sama. Uhm, Kakeru-sama has come to see you"

"Kakeru-sama...?"

Nana raised her body, but she looked at me with blank eyes.

The bedsheet that covers her body fell down to the ground.

Is it because she's sleeping with thin clothing? It fell from one way to the side, and also, she's not wearing panties.

...no panties, huh.

"—!! K-Kakeru-sama. Why?!"

Ah! She returned back to normal.

"Ne, N-N-Neora, why is Kakeru-sama here!"

"It looks like Kakeru-sama has come to visit Nana-sama. Nana-sama, please wear your underwear first"

"Underwear—uwaaaaaaaaa!!!"

Nana grabbed the panties that Neora handed over and started to wear it, but.

"Nana-sama, that's in reverse. Ah! Not up and down, it's back and forth"

"L-Like this?!"

"Here is your armor"

"No, Nana-sama, please undress those underclothes first"

"Eh?! Ahhhhhh!!"

Nana panicked from a while earlier.

Seeing that Nana, Neora said to me.

"I am very sorry, Kakeru-sama. This would take some time, so, can you please wait outside"

"...yeah"

I nodded, and left the room.

Even though I closed the door, I could still hear noisy movements from inside.

"How unexpected. If you look at just that, Nana looks like a useless woman"

[Come to think of it, this might be the first time you'd saw her in her private time. You had only seen her holding a sword, and her being embraced by you]

Eleanor whispered.

Now that she mentioned it, that might be true.

Nana in her private life... I might be a little interested.



In the slave soldier's training grounds.

Under the blue sky, I am facing Nana.

"I'm coming!"

From an awe-aspiring form, she charged while holding her sword with both hands.

Its tip gouged the ground, turning it into a sharp attack with recoil.

I received that head-on with Eleanor. I swung her down with one hand, and attacked head-on.

Sparks scattered and the successive metallic sounds sounded like it was only once.

It's a phenomenon that only appears when Nana and I who have additional attacks collide.

"Come and strike a little more"

"Ha!"

Hurricane-like slashes came flying towards me.

Her sword that would even leave an afterimage surrounded me like a net.

I blocked those one by one.

Its fast, and heavy.

Attacks which would easily break ordinary weapons, Nana had brought out more than tens of those within seconds.

"You got better again"

"Much obliged"

Soon after she said that, the way Nana moved changed.

From hurricane-like slashes, to a straight and head-on slash.

I countered her similarly with Eleanor—but.

Kikikikikikiiiii————!!

Like a broken record, a single sound beckoned in a string of bells.

The instant I received it, I felt more than twenty blows.

What could be seen as one attack, was actually tens of successive attacks.

[Kuku, a certain inferior Demon Sword just like that one before would probably would've been broken just by now]

Eleanor muttered with enjoyment.

Rather than that certain Xiphos, I'm more interested in Nana.

[Really, you look like you're having too much fun]

Fun? Well, I guess so, I might be having fun.

Nana raised her skill at a higher level again.

Compared from before, her speed and power increased as well, but not only that, she even created a new technique.

It is very fun fighting with Nana who's like that.

It is very, very fun.

It's the most enjoyable time, fighting while using Eleanor.

I wonder how much we exchanged blows?

Nana is completely out of breath, and looked down to her sword.

Because of colliding with Eleanor, nicks were created in its blade.

It could no longer "cut", but rather, it could only "hit.

"Let's end it right around here"

"Ha!... how regrettable"

I sheathed Eleanor.

"Un?"

"Aruji has not moved again today"

"Ahh"

She's talking about that huh.

Just when fighting Nana, I am keeping in mind something.

It's an insignificant thing.

There is a technique of dispersing the strength of an attack when facing off head-on by jumping backwards.

Or maybe, when facing off head-to-head, one would get pushed back.

Without using any of those, just when fighting with Nana, I am keeping in mind receiving her attacks while standing at the same place.

The reason why I'm doing that, well, it doesn't have that much of a reason.

[You're just making up an appearance. You just want to show-off your good points to her]

Shut up.

[However, she really had gotten stronger. She might already be the strongest human female]

That much, huh.

If Eleanor says so, then it's probably true.

When it comes to battles, this Demon Sword's opinion is pretty much correct.

[She doesn't look like a woman who'd panic and wear her panties backside-front] "...pu!"

I remembered that scene and couldn't help but laugh out.

Nana's that gap is quite funny.

CHAPTER 138

NEORA COMENENA

"Thank you for your guidance, Aruji"

Nana sheathed her sword and gestured a bow towards me.

Beautiful straight long hair, a straightened back, wearing a white knight armor.

Really, what a good woman.

"You'd gotten stronger again"

"Much obliged. It is my greatest pleasure hearing Aruji say that"

"If you were this strong when we met for the first time, I might've lost"

"Not at all. I feel like I have yet to catch up to Aruji at that time. I must continue to work hard"

"I see. Do your best then"

"Ha!"

She slightly bowed her head in salutation.

After finish talking with Nana, I looked to the side.

Neora was there.

Since earlier, she is watching my fight with Nana by herself.

Along with waking Nana up, she also followed us here. Well, that's fine though.

[She is quite composed]

Yeah.

The slave soldiers second platoon captain, Neora Comenena.

From start to finish, she watched me and Nana fight "normally".

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"Nana"
"What is it?"
"You're the one who appointed the platoon captains right?"
"Ha!"
"Is it the same with Neora?"
"That's right"
I see.
Someone who Nana acknowledged huh.
I got interested.
"Aruji"
"Un?"
"If it would not cause you inconvenience, can you please coach her as well?"
"Yeah, it's alright"
I answered immediately.
A woman who's unfazed seeing Nana and I fight, a woman who Nana appointed as the second platoon captain.
Neora Comenena.
I got interested in her.
In the middle of the training grounds, I faced Neora who replaced Nana.
She is using a long slender sword.
It is surprisingly long and easily exceeds two meters.
[Hou]

Because it was long, it was bent at first. But as soon as she took a stance, it stopped in

a horizontal state.

It is in a straight state as if it was a firm solid.

The air around her changed as well. She started to draw out an air that made Eleanor interested.

"Let's start"

"Yes!"

I tried her out first.

I casually leaped towards her and swung down Eleanor from above.

The instant my attack landed—I did not feel a thing.

It was completely parried by Neora.

"Ohh!"

I couldn't help but let out a voice in awe.

When I thought that my balance was broken after being parried, it did not stop at that. I felt like I was being pulled where she parried away.

I stood my ground and cleaved out this time.

She parried it away again and my body was pulled away to the other side.

"How interesting! What's that technique! You aren't just parrying right?"

" ...

Neora made a wry smile and wouldn't answer.

I slashed towards her again. This time, I cleaved diagonally from below.

She parried it for the third time, and I felt like my body was pulled upwards.

I'm completely sure now. I made that slash just to know that.

The instant my attack was parried, I felt like I was about to jump, and for sure, it wouldn't feel like this with an ordinary parry.

It's interesting, so I slashed towards Neora increasing the cycle.

I slashed, slashed, and slashed, from up and down to the left to the right, from four directions to eight directions, I slashed towards her.

My balance was broken every time I slashed, and the feeling of being pulled here and there was quite interesting.

Interesting, how interesting.

[Here, from the side, you look like you're being pulled around with a rope]

It's probably that, it's like a water balloon yoyo bouncing around here and there.

[These kind of techniques are quite effective towards you who uses ridiculous strength]

You don't need to tell me that.

Well then, this is fun too, but it wouldn't be a training.

"Come and attack me, Neora"

"Yes!"

Neora cheerfully answered but there's no sign of her attacking.

[Isn't it because she uses counter techniques?]

I see—if so!

I slashed using Eleanor.

Neora received that.

The instant she received the attack, my body was pulled towards where I slashed—and I felt a presence that made my back cold.

The tip of her sword blinked with light.

I see, it's like that huh.

She used the strength of her opponent to pull them away, and slashed towards them

head-on with the tip of her blade.

A cross-counter after breaking one's balance, I guess.

I understood the theory. It's quite impressive.

It's a technique that could safely ensure a sharp counter.

But!

"It was blocked?!"

"You're aim is good, but your speed and harshness isn't enough"

"Eh?"

"Your attack you made yourself. Even though you included my momentum, it's far inferior to Nana's slash"

"Uu...!"

Neora fixed her stance.

I struck with Eleanor.

I was pulled away and the point of her sword came flying head-on towards me.

I accompanied Neora's technique with the series of movements.

"Not yet, it's still not enough"

"Yes!"

"It's too fast, the opponent would notice if you showed your aim before you pulled them away"

"Yes!"

"Next one!"

[Oh \sim oh \sim , you look so happy. Just like a child who got a new toy]

Eleanor was saying something, but it didn't enter my ears.

It's Neora right now.

This woman who has an interesting technique is interesting.

I accompanied her and trained her.

I also lend a hand to improve her technique.

Its precision gradually increased.

Her timing of making a counter-attack after pulling away the opponent's attack slowly improved.

—and finally.

"Kakeru-sama!"

Neora called out to me with a scream-like voice.

It's because her attack in its best timing hit me directly in my throat.

Of course, I'm completely unscathed.

She made her attack at a timing that was more than I expected, so I got a little cold in the back though.

"Thank goodne—hya!"

I placed my arms around Neora's back, carried her to an embrace, and brought her into the barracks.

"K-Kakeru-sama?"

"I got excited, let's do it"

"Eh, Ehhhhhhh?!"

We entered the barracks and I advanced with wide strides.

We passed by several slaves. Every one of them were surprised at first, but they probably understood seeing me carrying Neora like a princess. They opened the way without saying anything.

I carried her into her room and pushed her on top of her bed.

"Kakeru-sama, this, it must be better doing it with Nana-sama—"

"I want to embrace you right now"

"Ehhh?! But, someone like me—"

I stared at Neora who's making up excuses.

I stared straight at her. I stared at her without any words.

She gradually recovered from her panic.

"Let's do it"

"...ves"

Neora nodded timidly and accepted.

I kissed her, and undressed her clothes.

Neora accepted all of that.

[I understand that you fancied her, but don't destroy her alright]

A third party was saying something, but I ignored it.

It's Neora right now.

I made the good woman who's unexpectedly nearby mine.

CHAPTER 139 A CERTAIN SLAVE'S STORY

On top of the bed.

I admired Neora with crossed legs for a while, but I got tired so I lied down.

"Ah!"

Neora let out a small voice.

Soon after, my shoulder slightly touched her, and my whole body was pulled to the other side.

"0h?!"

It's a familiar feeling. It's the technique of controlling the flow that Neora used during the training.

And when I was thinking of how interesting it is, I felt a soft sensation from the back of my head.

I was guided, with my head landing on Neora's lap, making us in a lap pillow position.

"You can use it like that too huh"

"Yes. Uhm..."

"Un?"

"I heard from Nikki-chan that Kakeru-sama likes this. That's why"

Neora said shyly and worriedly at the same time.

She's probably shy for doing it, and worried if I really like resting my head on a person's lap.

"Yeah, I like it. I pretty much like anything that a good woman would do for me"

"Thank goodness... uhm, please forgive me" "Un?" "It's my first time, so... I wasn't that good" "Don't mind it. Anyone has their first time" "Yes. But, was it alright?" "What are you talking about?" "Having a woman like me in her first time as a partner. Uhm... they said that Kakerusama would not take notice of virgins like me" "Who is it? Who made such rumors?" I raised my body from Neora's lap. "Ah...!" She made a very disappointed face. "Return me" "...ves!" Neora happily used that technique, pulling me back on her lap. While enjoying the soft feeling of her lap, I continued to ask. "Who is it? Who's the one who made such unfounded rumors?" "Uhmm... it's not someone, rather, we just simply perceived it like that between us" "Between you? Do you mean between you slaves?"

"There are many queens and princesses around Kakeru-sama, and every one of them is very beautiful and pretty, so we thought that you wouldn't have the time to take notice of virgins like us"

Neora nodded.

"That's not true at all" "But..." "I would embrace good women. I don't care about being virgin or anything. Most of all, if you'd said that" I pointed at Eleanor which I placed against the wall. "Look at her, she's full of fingerprints" [Don't use me as a reference. Also, I'm not full of fingerprints!] Eleanor loudly protested. An unusually loud voice that echoed in my head. Well, I ignored her. "Was that so" "Even so, to think that there's such unfounded rumors.... Neora" "Yes. what is it?" "You, you're the second platoon's platoon captain right?" "That is right, but why would you ask...?" "Yosh"

I raised my body, and got off the bed.

"Gather all of the second platoon. I'll deal with all of them at once" "Y-Yes!"

Neora hurriedly jumped off the bed.

After helping me wear clothes, she wore her own clothes, and rushed out of the room first.

I took my time going out. It's to let Neora prepare.

"It's completely a false charge"

[Kuku, come to think of it, you had only bedded in pure maidens. I guess it is completely a false charge that you do not take notice of virgins]

"Have you forgotten about yourself?"

I flicked Eleanor with a finger.

[That was the first and would be the last time that I would give birth of a child] "...he \sim "

I stopped and looked at Eleanor.

That means, she's also a virgin huh.

She's a Demon Sword after all, well, it's not like there's something if she is.

I continued walking, and slowly chased after Neora.

[Rather than that, were you serious about that?]

"Un?"

[About not caring about being a virgin]

"It's not like I'm conscious of it. Good women are good without relation to that"

[I see]

Eleanor faintly softened her voice. Just very faintly, and doubtful whether she herself had noticed it.

I walked down the corridor and came to the barracks' entrance.

In there, I saw Neora in a standstill.

"Neo-"

[She seems a little strange]

Eleanor's voice changed its tone.

I stopped walking and tried to see what's up.

Neora who's petrified in a position that just opened the entrance door, and there's a person's presence just ahead.

"Hey hey, it's not like we're saying something strange alright? You understand that, huh?"

"...yes"

Neora slowly nodded with downcast eyes.

It's a man's voice. From his tone, he's not a decent person.

Neora is a good woman, and several hundred times better as a person.

And for some reason, Neora's isn't talking back.

"Why isn't she talking back?" I thought, and quickly found out the reason.

"The child returns the parent's debt, it's just normal right?"

A debt collector huh.

[What are you going to do?]

"You don't need to ask that"

I walked with huge strides and got between Neora and the man.

I saw the man's face outside the entrance.

He's tall, but looks flimsy with his stooping back.

"Who the heck are you?"

"How much is the debt?"

"Kakeru-sama?!"

Neora got surprised. I ignored her for the meantime.

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"How much is it?"
"What? Are you going to pay for it? nn?"
"The master pays back his slave's debt, it's normal right?"
I changed the man's line and returned it to him.
"He! So you're quite cool huh? Well, it isn't an amount that you can easily pay though?"
The man said while grinning. His breath stinks so I started to get pissed off.
I opened my Different Dimension Warehouse without a word.
From there, I took out several bills of Mercouri notes that had just started to circulate.
"Is this enough?"
"What? Is that a trick or something?"
"That doesn't matter. I am asking if it's enough or not"
"He, hehe. Hey you, you'd found a quite good Master right here huh"
The man counted the bills with his fingers and said sarcastically with satisfaction.
It looks like it's enough.
"Get lost already"
"Alright, alright. Well then, I'll come again"
"Wait"
I stopped that man.
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"What do you mean you'd come again? Isn't that the whole debt?"

"He!"

The man scoffed, and I heard Neora sniffing from behind me.

"The debt this time is completely paid, but she still has a parent that likes to have lots of it"



Neora Comenena.

She was born as the fourth generation of a relatively wealthy swordsman's House.

When her grandpa, the second generation, was still alive, all was going well and they were able to accumulate a decent asset, but in her father's third generation, it quickly collapsed.

Her father who likes to show off although he doesn't have the ability, tried many businesses but failed every time.

On the other hand, his vanity didn't stop, but rather, it got worse every failure, and their House was eventually collapsed.

Even so, her father did not stop to borrow money, even if his daughter Neora became a slave.

According to her, the debt collector repeatedly visits Neora.

I heard it all from Neora, and completely understood the situation.



Morning came, and I warped to the barracks.

Because doing a "boring" thing, I got quite tired.

"Good morning! Your Excellency!"

I encountered Nikki again.

"Good job. Where's Nana?"

"Nana-sama must be in Neora's room!"

We repeated the same conversation with yesterday, and I started to walk. I came to Neora's room, and knocked.

"Yes"

"It's me"

"Kakeru-sama! I'm sorry, please wait for a while"

Neora panicked. I ignored that and entered inside.

Neora's there, as well as Nana.

Neora is desperately waking Nana up.

"Todaysh breakfasht... itsh early~"

Nana who's half asleep and naked started to bite the panties that Neora handed her.

It's the same scene as yesterday. Nana who's quite depressing in her private time, and Neora who's doing her best to take care of her.

After Nana braced herself, the three of us came to the training ground.

Nana lead ahead, I'm in the middle, and Neora followed from behind.

"Thank you very much"

Suddenly, Neora said with a faint voice.

It's a voice that was said almost like breathing. I might've missed it out if my ears aren't multiplied 777 times.

Did she guess it? How I "did something" about her father.

[You are quite simple about your actions after all. Especially towards the women you embraced]

I lightly flicked Eleanor with a finger.

"Neora"
"Yes!"

Neora flinched and straightened her back.

She seemed like she's fearful about being told of something.

"Come at me with all you have. If you did well, I'll embrace you again"

Neora was dumbfounded just for an instant. Her face is asking whether it's not about her father.

However, that was only for an instant.

"I'll do my best!"

She said with a radiant expression.

That face was beautiful and the sword that she swung was even sharper.

After the training, I fiercely made love with her even more than yesterday.

CHAPTER 140 DELFINA'S MISS

Delfina Merchant Company, in Delfina's room.

"What do you need for today?"

"What happened to the thing I asked for yesterday?"

"About Neora Comenena huh"

"That's right"

I nodded.

I asked Delfina to do something about Neora's father.

The beginning of the incident is that bastard of a father's debt—in short, money.

Asking Delfina is the quickest when it's about money. At least that's what I thought, so I brought the case to Delfina.

In the first place, Neora is one of the slave soldiers. I had asked Delfina to gather the slave soldiers.

With that reason, it's just natural that I would bring the case to her.

Delfina who listened to what I asked said that I could leave it to her with a condition.

I haven't heard the specifics of the condition, but Delfina is substantially my woman. I trusted her and left to her.

So, I came to ask what happened just in case.

"We have captured Zeno Comenena"

"That's quite fast"

"The timing was good, and he was just in my town, so"

"Your town?... ahh, that one that you completely bought from Aegina huh"

I had heard about that when I came to meet Delfina before.

About her buying the town called Malonei.

I remember it quite well because I thought "as expected of her" at that time.

...n? Did I, meet someone at that time?

U∼n, u∼n.

I can't remember. I think I met someone.

[It's a man, on top of that, it's a middle-aged man]

Ahh, if so, I wouldn't be remembering it.

There's no way that I could remember a middle-aged man that I had just met once.

[That was quite an important figure though]

Is that so?

Well, that doesn't matter. It's just a man.

I looked at Delfina again.

"You were in that Malonei?"

"Yes. Neora was originally from Aegina. Her father was always in Malonei even when it was Aegina's. It didn't take four and a half days to capture him"

"As expected of you huh. And then?"

"He will be judged appropriately"

"Tell me the details"

"I have sent a notification not to let him get interested getting debts from now on. That is, within Malonei and Aegina's territory. Zeno Comenena is from Aegina, so I prioritized that. Of course, I have taken some measures in case he tries to go to other kingdoms, so there is no need to worry"

"I see. Are you certain?"

"I would like if Kakeru-sama would trust me a little more"

"...I guess so, it's something about money after all"

"Yes"

Delfina smiled gracefully with pleasure.

It's just like what she said. That confirmation at the end was unnecessary.

It's something about money. There shouldn't be any problem if it's Delfina.

"I'll give you my thanks"

"It's just an after service. Please continue to patronize us"

"Yeah"

I nodded to Delfina and warped away.



I returned to Reiusu and came to the slave soldier's training ground.

The slaves had gathered there.

Tens of slaves gathered and gathered to form a circle, and there is Nikki, Neora, and Nana in the middle.

Nikki and Neora are facing off with their weapons in hand, and Nana is standing in the referee's position.

[A practice match between the first platoon captain and the second platoon captain huh]

Eleanor whispered. How interesting.

I stopped approaching them, and watched them from far away.

With Nana swinging her arm down as a signal—Nikki and Neora's swords clashed with each other.

Sparks came flying and the atmosphere shook. I can tell just with their first slash. It's a fight between the strong.

Its contents, Nikki is in a one-sided offensive, and Neora is blocking her attacks.

[Probably 7 : 3 at most]

"Nikki's chances are that bad?"

[She's quite trained, but not in one on one. Her movements matches that of a group battle even more compared to the last time I saw her. Those movements, they're to protect those around her]

"He~"

[How admirable. It looks to me that she is doing all her best to change her fighting style just to protect what you have told her]

"I need to take care of them later on huh... all of the first platoon"

Just a while ago, there was a time when the first platoon had sustained the most damages compared to other platoons.

After I embraced all of those in the first platoon and made them mine, there was a time when they stopped caring about their own self and became very aggressive, with the thought of fighting "for me".

I found out about that and fixed it by training them.

Nikki's change probably started at that time.

Just like Eleanor said, it's praiseworthy, and cute as well.

In the instant the Nikki showed a flaw in her continuous offense, she got caught into Neora's technique, got her balance broken, and the tip of Neora's sword pointing to her throat.

Neora won. Just as Eleanor had expected.

After they finished their practice match, I continued to walk, and approached the slave soldiers.

However, just before I arrived at them, one man came out from the side, and went towards the slaves.

It's a tall man with a stooping back. It's a somewhat familiar face.

...who is he?

[It's that debt collector, you idiot]

Eleanor scolded me.

Ahh, that's right, the man that came to get money from Neora before huh.

I'm really having a hard time remembering men.

...no, wait a second. Why is that guy here?

And while I was thinking of that, the man stood in front of Neora and said with a grinning face.

Neora's face colors changed. I approached them to find out what's it all about.

"I'm not fucking lying alright? Look, see this? It's your damn father's signature alright? There's a date too"

"Yesterday..."

The debt collector thrusts a piece of paper towards Neora. Neora's face became pale.

"Oi"

I got in between them.

"What are you doing?"

"Ohh, well well, please excuse me Dear Master? It's nothing much, I just came to get back what was borrowed. Look, you can see this right? It's written properly that it would be returned in the next day"

The man flapped the IOU in front of me.

It's full of letters and it's signed at the end.

I looked at Neora.

"Is it the real thing?"

Neora nodded while having a pale face. And, as if to squeeze it out.

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"The signature, it is, real"
Delfina, what the heck is she doing?
"What are you going to do? Are you going to ask your beloved Master to pay for it
again? nn?"
"That is..."
"All you need is money right? Just wait"
Anyways, I should chase of this man, and then ask what the heck is going on from
Delfina.
I thought of that, and tried to open my Different Dimension Warehouse to take out
some money—but.
[Wait]
Eleanor stopped me.
"What?"
[Look at him. He looks strange]
"Strange?"
[Use me]
When I was thinking what it was all about, an image came flowing into my head.
"That, huh"
I moved just like the image.
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I released the aura and made it an arm.

It's the technique I created to exterminate Xiphos from the king that it possessed. I grabbed the man's face using the dark aura, and lifted him up.

"The fuck are you—guha!"

The man suddenly suffered in pain.

He grabbed his own neck, suffered, and struggled.

Finally, the man fell to the ground.

I'm still grabbing something with Eleanor's dark arm—it's still grabbing something like a dark soul.

[That should be it]

"...this was possessing that guy?"

[Umu. From how it feels... I remembered something. It's that thing during Aura's case" "That lizard woman huh"

I could remember that she was a beauty just before she transformed.

Now that she mentioned it, this dark thing has a similar air with that lizard woman.

[It looks like something is happening...]

Eleanor whispered with an unusually serious tone.

I looked at that dark thing I'm grabbing, and had the same thoughts as her.

CHAPTER 141

WE DO NOT KNOW RIGHT NOW

I came to meet Delfina.

When I showed her the IOU that the now unconscious debt collector, her expression changed at once,

"Why..."

"They said it is real"

"I can tell"

"You can?"

"Yes..."

Delfina had a very bitter face. She took out one piece of paper from her desk drawer, and put it side to side together with the IOU that I gave her.

It looks like it's some kind of document.

The letters written are different from the one I brought, but the signature in the end is the same.

I can also tell, it's the same person's signature.

"What does this mean?"

"I do not know right now"

Delfina answered calmly.

Her bitter expression hasn't changed, but she answered quite quickly.

"You would honestly say that you don't know huh"

"Right now, I am currently in a trial period contract with Kakeru-sama"

"Un? Ahh, that's right"

I thought "what is she talking about?" for an instant, but I remembered the first time I made love with Delfina.

She wishes for "a man who would buy her together with all of her assets", but I still don't have that much wealth.

So as an alternative, we settled it in a form of a "trial period".

"Piling shame on top of shame shall lower my own value as a merchandise. At worst, it would bring back a case of returning the goods. That is why I said it honestly"

She took a breath, stared right straight to me, and declared with challenging eyes.

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"Right now, I still do not know"
"...I see"
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I thought thoroughly of Delfina's words.

[Kuku, there are so many interesting women around you. On top of that, they are all interesting in their own way]

I completely agree.

Delfina for once, and the other women as well.

There are so interesting and strong-minded women around me.

"How long would it take?"

"It would be soon"

Delfina avoided a clear answer, but she clearly showed a strong will.

It looks like she's serious. If so, then I could leave the rest to her.

Delfina stood up and clapped her hands.

The door immediately opened, and one man entered inside.

It's her subordinate that I have seen many times.

Delfina whispered to the man's ear. Her tone was filled with anger.

I thought more and more about how I could leave it to her, so I took out my Warp Feather to go home.

"What are you doing!"

Delfina shouted.

It's a voice mixed with surprise and anger.

I looked towards her. The obedient man from earlier had a sudden change, and was grabbing her arm.

He's puckering his lips, trying to kiss, and push her down.

...haa?

I walked heavily towards them and drew out Eleanor without a word.

The man's head flew away and a fountain of blood spurts a second later.

Following with the sound of the man's head and body dropping to the ground.

Delfina is gasping due to the sudden event.

"Are you okay?"

"...yes"

"What the heck just happened?"

"I do not know. He was listening to my orders, but he suddenly changed in the middle of it"

"Was there a sign of before?"

"He is attached to me, but he is a coward man who had missed every opportunity due to hesitation. There is no way that he would attack me—even more so, he is not a man who would try to do so in a place where Kakeru-sama is"

"Was he drunk or drugged or something"

[It looks like it is neither of both]

"Mu...! Don't tell me"

Because Eleanor got in between the conversation, I had a clue of a third possibility.

Soon after, a dark something came out from the man's corpse.

It was as if that thing that was possessing him came out because the host has died.

I clad myself in dark aura, made an arm, and grabbed it.

It's the same thing with the debt collector.

"This thing again huh, what the heck is happening?"

"Aegina..."

"Aegina?"

"This man, and that debt collector as well. They came from Aegina. And..."

"...Neora's father too, huh"

Delfina nodded.

"Did something like this happen before?"

"Not even once"

Delfina answered promptly.

It's a dark thing similar to that thing in Comotoria.

Most of all, several of them could be suddenly found.

"It looks like something is happening in Aegina"

Delfina returned a heavy nod to my whisper.

CHAPTER 142

To Departure

I lightly kicked the man on the ground.

I kicked him making him front face up. It's just a corpse. Nothing has changed in particular.

[This is the cause of what changed him after all]

Eleanor said. I'm still holding the dark thing using the aura arm.

There is no doubt that this is the cause that made the man strange.

"Delfina, gather all of your subordinates here"

"What are you planning to do?"

"I'll clean them up. It doesn't matter what you're going to do, but you won't be at ease if things like this are around right?"

"...I understood"

Delfina made a very unwilling look, and left the room.

After a while, I'm called out to the building's inner yard.

It's a beautiful garden, said to be used for business discussion.

The design and minor details are different here and there, but it somehow made me reminiscent of the Japanese garden pavilion.

In there were many men and women, lined up properly although making some noise.

"We have kept you waiting"

"Everyone's here huh"

"Yes. Please take care of us"

"Alright. Let's do it, Eleanor"

[Oi, wait a second, you, don't tell me...]
"Yeah"

I grinned, raising the corner of my lips.

"It's too troublesome doing it one by one. I'll do it all at once"

[As I've thought, huh. Really, you're saying it so easily]

"I'm saying it because it's you"

[I don't need your obvious flattery]

Although she's saying that, Eleanor doesn't seem like she felt bad about it.

[Well then, let's do it]

"Yeah"

I lightly placed my hand on Eleanor, took deep breaths, and concentrated my consciousness.

I gathered up the Demon Sword's power from deep inside my body, and released it outside.

The buzzing noise increased.

It's because I shot out the Demon Sword's aura at once, filling the venue, and enveloped everyone.

I imagined. The power that I created during Xiphos's time, a power that almost doesn't have offensive powers, a power that would only grasp the evil or dark things from their body.

I covered all of Delfina's subordinates with that, and "lifted" them up.

There are near a hundred people who gathered, and I was able to grasp dark things from three people.

After those ones who were lifted up collapsed to the ground, they did not move an inch.

On the other hand, those ones who did not know what is going on got more and more noisier.

Delfina came to my side. "Thank you very much, Kakeru-sama" After saying that, she looked at the thing I grabbed, and narrowed her eyebrows. "To think that we were this infiltrated... if Kakeru-sama were not around, it would have been disastrous" "Really? You look like you would've done something about it" "I would have done something about it" Delfina said with a serious face. "It would have been impossible finding them beforehand. It would've been impossible to understand the cause of the event, and those three would've been confined or disposed of" "I see" Well, the measure would've been like that. "And to think that it would have been resolved in this manner... I can only say that it is as expected of Kakeru-sama" [Or rather, it's my powers though] Eleanor claimed inside of me. "Even so... these three"

"Do you have something in mind?"

Looking at the three who have collapsed, Delfina's eyebrows moved.

"Just one thing... it includes the man from earlier"

That guy who attacked Delfina huh.

"All of them, they are people who were in Malonei up until yesterday"

"Malonei... your town huh"

"Yes. These two are Delfina faction's official. They are stationed in Malonei. The other one, I have sent her for a different case"

"What's that, Delfina faction?"

"I have bought Malonei, but nominally, it is still Aegina Kingdom's territory. That's why, there are officials sent by the kingdom's side who doesn't have authority, and officials that I appointed who actually holds authority. The former is called Kingdom faction, and the latter is called Delfina faction"

"It has gotten complicated huh"

"That is one way to call it"

"Well, whatever. Anyways... in short, everyone has something to do with Malonei, huh"

"Yes. And, Neora's father, he is currently in Malonei"

"Now that you mention it. What about that man who attacked you earlier?"

"On the day before yesterday, on another matter"

"I see"

If they're all that similar, then there's no mistaking it.

"Something's happening in Malonei"

"Yes. Most probably, something that had started in Aegina"

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I looked at the dark thing that I'm still holding.

This hasn't started in Aegina, this thing was also in Comotoria. It had already appeared in Comotoria before Aegina.

Either way, there's no proof that one in Aegina is the same thing that was in Comotoria.

[It's the same thing]

Eleanor said with confidence. I also think so.

It's not logic. This feeling passing through the Demon Sword saying that it's the same thing.

That, those two are the same thing.

"How far is it from here?"

"Kakeru-sama, are you saying...?"

I nodded.

"I'll go to Malonei"

In Malonei... in Aegina, something is happening.

Aura, Iris, Neora, and Delfina.

For the sake of my women, it looks like there's a need for me to go in person and resolve it all at once.

CHAPTER 143 THE 1 KRE DELFINA

In the carriage going towards Malonei.

Delfina and I are sitting facing each other.

Neora is also riding on my side, and she is sitting in a behaved manner.

"How long is it before Malonei?"

"Ally"

There was a reply from outside the carriage.

"At this pace, we should reach by after lunch"

"You heard her"

"I see"

"It is just a little more patience. Please forgive me, I have not let them know that we are coming, so a warm reception is..."

"Don't mind it. We aren't going there to play in the first place"

"It is very nice of you to say that"

Inside the carriage, I chatted with Delfina with ease.

Is it because she's a merchant? I feel like she's used to talking about trivial things.

I felt like I could kill time with her as much as I want.

"Come to think of it, you, is the only town you have is Malonei, just one?"

"Yes, at least, right now"

"Do you plan on having others?"

"Not at all. It is unexpectedly difficult to possess one, so I am not considering on having more"

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[What a strange conversation]

Eleanor whispered at the pause in between. I agree.

Delfina Homers Lanmari.

She had extended her business widely, and it is said that her financial power is equal to that of a kingdom.

A person who is that skilled, is there a possibility that she would misread the maintenance cost of the thing that she bought?

...well, unlike merchandise and stores, a whole town might just be different.



As scheduled, we arrived at Malonei after lunch.

To resolve the problem, we disguised ourselves as simple travelers and entered the town.

Not the Five Noble Titled Kakeru, nor Delfina the Don in the Shadows.

As simple travelers, we got off the carriage, and passed to the check station-like place.

"Your name"

"n? Ahh, it's Yuuki Kakeru"

"What a weird name. Where did you come from?"

"Reiusu"

"I see. Where're your belongings? What's that thing on your waist"

"A sword"

"What, it's that Demon Sword Replica in the trend huh. What generation version is it?"

"It's the oldest one"

"I see"

"Fun", the man scoffed.

After that, I received useless, as in useless questions, and I was finally allowed to enter the town.

I stopped to a standstill and looked at the town.

The town looks full of life.

"Welcome, welcome~ we have Torideca's sweet fruits here~"

"Fish, would anyone like to buy some fish~. You can get it fresh and alive after the magic is removed when you buy it~"

"Hey there missus! What a cute little kid you have there. How is it? Would you like to buy this new Demon Sword Replica [Matchless Twin Dark Wings], it's the latest version~"

There is a lot of people and lots of businesses are bustling.

It is developing without a doubt, and it looks like a town that would continue its speed of developing.

"This is amazing"

"Thank you very much"

I heard Delfina's voice from behind, and after a few moments, Neora also passed through the checkpoint.

Delfina stood in front of me. After a few moments, Neora started to focus on being a guard.

"What will we do now?"

"That thing, guys that were possessed by that thing, they'd be creating commotions right?"

"That seems to be the case. Shall we go to a place where there would be many commotions... for example, taverns?"

"That's too much of a pain. Just wait a second"

I slowly closed my eyes...

I crossed my arms and focused on my eyes.

The superhuman-like hearing which was multiplied 777x.

"So sweet~, this is the first time I ate such a sweet fruit" Not that, next one. "Uwwa! The dead fish from earlier revived" Not that too, next. "Mama~, buy me a Demon Sword~" Do your best, boy... next one. I sorted out the sounds I could hear. It something like telling apart a certain sound of an instrument while ignoring the others while listening to music. And just like that, I gathered almost all of the people's voices in Malonei, and sorted them out. And. "Stop! That money, that money's for out cost of living!" "Shut the help up!" It's this. I opened my eyes and started running. "Kakeru-sama?!" "Neora, guard her and follow!" "Yes!" I left the two women behind and went ahead.

I changed the supplemented sound into three-dimensional coordinates, and just rushed towards there.

I jumped kicked the wall up and ran through the roof. The residents became noisy—I ignored them.

I advanced through the shortest distance, and the place I arrived at is a single house. I opened the door and encountered a quarreling scene.

The furniture had scattered everywhere, some were spread out and some were broken.

And within that, a middle-aged man is trying to take out the money from a drawer, and a middle-aged woman is desperately trying to stop him

The woman saw me and was stunned for an instant, but immediately asked for help.

"Please help me! My husband, my husband is strange"

[Taking out their house's money, huh]

"What an asshole"

"What did you say?!"

The man got angry and went towards me. He picked up the knife along the way, and tried to stab me with it.

"Bastard, don't—"

For the meantime, I knocked him down. Without needing to draw a weapon, I casually knocked him down.

The man rolled on the ground with turned eyes.



I dragged the man out of their house and left him alone.

Crowds who heard the commotion pointed their fingers from the side, and started squabbling.

[Are you going to take out that dark thing now?]

"That would be the same to up until now. I want to remove the cause"
[What are you going to do?]

"Let me think..."

"Kakeru-sama"

Passing through the crowds, Delfina finally caught up. There is also Neora right behind her.

Delfina quickly glanced around, and instantly understood the situation.

"Is that the person you captured?"

"Yeah"

"Should I say "as expected", or should I be rolling my eyes... we have only arrived too"

"There's no use taking time on doing it right?"

"What do you plan to do with him?"

"I'm thinking about that right now. It's very easy to take out that dark thing, but I want to remove the cause. Do you have any idea?"

"Let me see"

When Delfina was thinking, the man gradually woke up.

He grabbed his temples and shook his head. And slowly raised his body.

"U~n"

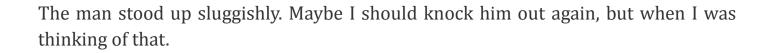
[He woke up huh. Hmm, it's inside him as I've thought]

"Yeah"

I nodded back to Eleanor.

It looks like it's easier to tell that dark thing is "inside" him compared to when he's knocked out.

"Uu~n"



"Ohh"

The man's gaze captured Delfina.

"Isn't this that brat, that 1 Kre slave"

"1 Kre—what the heck is he saying?"

[...Delfina seems a little strange]

"Eh?"

I looked towards Delfina.

Her usually composed face rapidly changed.

Her eyes widened, and saw the man as if she is looking at a subject of tremendous fear. She held her head with both hands and started to tremble profusely.

"Sorry brat, my budget at that time was just up to 30 people. If I'd had 1 more Kre, I would've bought ya"

The man continued while grinning.

"I'm really sorry about that okay? Making you a slave that won't even sell with 1 Kre. What happened after that? Were you disposed of as a slave that can't be sold? Haha"

Delfina's look changed more and more.

"Hahahaha, you damn bitch! A fucking slave who can't even be sold for a single bread—"

I chopped the man's head. Just hearing him speak pissed me off.

On the other hand, Delfina. Her face became pale and her hair became messy.

"Uwaaaaa!!!"

In the end, she even started to shouting like crazy.

It was just an event for a few seconds. After Delfina shouted, she dropped her head with messy hair.

[...it entered, huh]

"...yeah"

It also entered inside Delfina, huh.

The process of entering inside, and a person's aptitude for it.

It looks like, I need to investigate more about that.

CHAPTER 144

Delfina's Past (Part 1) ~ The 100 Kre Slave

In a room where decent furnishings are arranged, and a single fine quality sofa is placed on one wall side.

From the room's design, it was made so that the face of the person sitting on the would not be seen even if the sun is out.

And in that sofa, one man is sitting, sizing up the five girls in front of him.

All of the girls were 10-years-old. They are merchandise which was gathered because of that request.

Four of five of them ended, and it's finally the last girl's turn.

"You, what's your name?"

"Delfina Lanmari"



The short-haired girl answered clearly and crisply.

Her body is thinned, and her cheeks had sunk, but there is strength dwelling in her eyes, separating her from the other girls.

In fact, that girl answered the man's questions very well. The man asked many questions, and the time that he took was twice of the other girls.

It finally ended, and the five girls left the room for once.

A middle-aged woman who entered in exchange with them bowed respectfully to the man.

"Did you have one that you like?"

"Umu"

The man did not answer directly, and leisurely puffed out smoke.

Unable to endure that, the merchant woman made a push.

"Those five girls earlier are the ones who have passed intelligence tests. I believe that they are intelligent girls that Your Excellency wishes for. Of course, as you have requested, we have yet to educate them"

"Umu"

The man only replied the same as earlier, leisurely rested his back on the sofa, and looked up to the ceiling.

And, he closed his eyes. As if to project something behind his eyelids.

There was an inexpressible intensity with that gesture. It is the thing called tranquil dignity who those who have crossed difficulties and bloodshed are permitted to possess.

Ordinary people would have gotten quiet just with that, but.

"If you find them unsatisfactory, we shall gather more if you give us time. In this times, we are able to find uneducated but intelligent 10-year-old girls. If you give us only three days, we can line them up in dozens"

Just like that, she continuously spoke her sales talk.

The man intentionally did not stop her. In his aesthetics, he tends to think that silencing another person by intimidating them using their status or personal wealth is a vulgar behavior.

The woman was noisy, but he let them do what she likes.

He was only, silently thinking about those girls.

"Your Excellency, would it be fine to ask why you wish for such time-consuming uneducated children?"

Is it because their conversation did not continue? The woman changed the subject, and asked the man.

The man slowly opened his eyes and answered to the woman.

"It looks like when you get a hold of various kinds of things, you'd stop getting interested in them"

"Haa"

"In it becomes so, one would start to use money on humans. Just like the world's rich becoming a patron of unpopular artists and poor bards. My subject just turned to that of slaves. That is all that there is"

"I see, pure and innocent slaves, you wish to raise them from the start, huh"

The man raised the corner of his lips.

"I've decided. I'll have that number two Petrina and that number five Delfina"

"Thank you for your patronage! By the way, why the two of them?"

"It's intelligence, and wisdom"

"Haa..."

The woman showed an incoherent face after hearing the man's words.



In a mansion's room. There are two girls wearing decently good clothes, and is sitting with desks in front of them.

The collars on their necks show their status of a slave, but their hands and fingers do not seem that they were roughened by heavy labor.

The two girl's job is not something of as such after all.

And, if one would ask what their job is—.

The door opened and a man wearing glasses entered.

The man came in front of the girls—took a teacher's position, and spoke to them.

"I'll return your test from yesterday. Petrina-kun"

"Yes"

"You did well, you scored perfect this time"

"Yes!"

"Delfina-kun"

"Yes"

"You scored 85 points. Do your best next time"

"Yes"

"This is all for today. As scheduled, there will be no lesson for today. His Excellency has said that you can visit the town and play if it is just for a while, but do not act without restraint alright"

After the male teacher said that, he left the room.

The two girls' job is this. They are being kept inside their master's mansion, nominally called as study slaves.

Petrina stared at her test paper with great mood, and talked to Delfina.

"It's my win again this time huh"

"That seems to be the case"

"Delfina, you should do better alright? I'll easily leave you behind if you don't"

"Leave me behind?"

"That's right, I'll leave you behind"

Petrina said that, and left the room with great mood.

"...leave me behind, leave me, but where are you going?"

Delfina silently whispered.

She looked at the door where Petrina walked through, looked at her test paper, and looked out the window.

"Why, is he doing this? Why, did he go out on his way to buy a slave to educate them?"

Delfina whispered to nobody.

She gave the test paper a deep look.

"Why, did Rodotos's reign did not continue? Why, did Orga threw away his dragon form and become a half-baked existence called Dragonoid?"

The test's problems, she did not have questions about the answer, but about the problem statement itself.

Why, why, why.

Delfina was originally a girl like that, but recently, that trend had gotten stronger.

Since she was given education, she started to think of "why" towards everything.

And that, it had an influence on her usual studies and test scores, which cannot be called as good.



"It's not bad thinking of why"

Inside the bedroom.

The mansion's master, Lord Adamandieous Maneloi, kindly told Delfina after raising

his body while wearing sleepwear.

"But, if you would be going [why], just repeat that for five times"

"Five times?"

"You asked [why], and made an answer. You should also ask [why] to that answer. Repeat that five times"

"Why is it like that? Why is it five times?"

Towards Delfina who continued to ask questions, Adamandious narrowed his eyes, and kindly patted her head.

"By doing that, you will be able to see the truth"

"The truth..."

Delfina whispered those words as if to digest them.

"Why five times? Can't you reach the truth with three times?"

"Fufu"

He adds more kindness to the hand he used to pat her head.

"Delfina is really a wise girl huh"

She was not given an answer.

This was that man's, greatest kindness towards that child he saw as "wisdom".



The young Delfina who was bought for 100 Kre studied about many things in the mansion.

Compared to Petrina who has an intelligent brain which would absorb the knowledge like cotton, Delfina who would continuously ask questions was not definitely a good

student for the teachers.

Even so, with the Lord's authority, Delfina was given an environment where she could study without any inconveniences.

Figuratively speaking, it is the spring of a person's four seasons.

The young Delfina enjoyed the spring of her life without being able to be selfconscious of it.

That period, three years.

That continued until the Lord died to disease, and until she brought into the market as a second-hand slave being sold for 10 Kre.

CHAPTER 145

Delfina's Past (Part 2) ~ The 10 Kre Slave

Delfina, 13-years-old, autumn.

There are several changes that have visited her.

One, she became a little taller, and her breasts grew. Her body gradually became more feminine with roundedness.

One, her collar changed.

In the Aegina Kingdom, a slave who is once sold away from their Master for some reason becomes second-hand, and that must be strongly declared as an obligation.

The change with her collar is the proof of that.

And, slaves like that are often sold with a hard bargain.

The price attached to Delfina is 10 Kre. It was one-tenth of that when she was first bought.

That does not only applies to her. It is the same with Petrina who was bought at the same time, and became merchandise again at the same time.



In a slave mansion.

Delfina and Petrina were pushed into an inferior environment where one could only stretch out their legs when their lay down on the side, with only an entrance and a small window.

A small window that an adult could barely reach, one that a child cannot get through. Looking at that, Petrina let out a sigh.

"Haa... I wanted to study more. The book collection in Adamandious-sama's mansion, I wonder what happened to it right now. I even promised him that I'd do my best studying and remember all of them when I reach 15, but I couldn't fulfill it..."

"…"

"Hey, Delfina, don't you think so too?"

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"Eh?"
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Delfina raised her face. She was staring at the floor until Petrina talked to her.

"I'm asking if you wanted to study more in Adamandious-sama's place" "U~un, not that much"

Delfina answered with almost no pause.

"What! You, it's because you're like that that you'd lose to me in tests. A person chosen by Adamandious-sama should be more diligent and... well, whatever"

Petrina let out a sigh and shook her head.

"Rather than that, what were you doing?"

"I was thinking"

"About what?"

"Why, were we sold away"

"Why you say? Of course it's because Adamandious-sama had passed away"

"Why?"

"He?"

"Why, would we be sold away, if Adamandious-sama passes away?"

"That's, because..."

Petrina reached a standstill in the first [why]. Delfina looked at her who was unable to answer for a while, but she finally lost interest, and looked down to the ground once again.

By the way, Delfina did the same [why] quite some time ago.

With the first [why], "Adamandious did not leave any fortune for them", and with the question why did he not left any "because we are slaves", and to the question why he did not do any measures to the study slaves that he treated specially...

She had already asked why about that, it was already after she asked why. That's why, her interest was already focusing on a far more different thing.

"Why... was it checked? Because he's a Lord(廃爵). Although he's a kind of lord that is almost unheard of? Because he had made a mistake? Because someone had a grudge?"

Delfina, she protected what her Master had told her, and repeated [why].



Shortly after, she was sold.

Most people do not prefer 10-Kre-cheap slaves which are already "soiled" or "tinted with color", but there are quite a few small rich men who would decide to buy them because of their cheapness.

That is the same with other second-hand goods, and Delfina was sold for just three days after she was offered for sale.

The person who bought him is a young knight who has distinguished himself in his first field of battle.



In a new house that is a little conspicuous than the surroundings in the residential area in Malonei.

That is the new home of Paulos Putremos.

He who is a little short for an adult man, came home in high spirits with a new slave.

He passed through the entrance, looked at Delfina who he had just bought and his new home, and had his breathing a little rough.

"A house, a slave, and a social status! With this, I am finally a fully fledged man"

Just like that, he seemed like he is moved about something.

"Hey, you"

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"Yes"
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"From today, I'm your Master right?"

"That is right"

"I'm the Master okay, you're the slave. You must follow my orders absolutely okay, got it?"

"...why, should I follow your orders absolutely?"

"Because I'm your Master"

"Why, must I follow your orders absolutely if you are my Master?"

"Because Masters are like that"

"...Why, are Masters like that?"

"Because they are Masters"

"..., why"

Delfina abruptly stopped mid-way through her words.

She was unable to repeat [why] five times.

It would seem that Paulos have an absolute confidence in himself.

The confidence on how Masters and slaves must be.

And his basis is only on the point "because they are Masters and slaves".

No matter how many times she would ask him, he would only answer like that.

That's why, Delfina stopped asking.

"I see, if the answer is this clear, it is alright to not repeat [why] ", she thought.

"Master, please give me an order"

From that day, she was influenced by insistent Paulos, and gradually turned into a normal slave.



Delfina who was under the young knight, Paulos Putremos, was a normal slave.

She faithfully did her job as a house servant, and faithfully carried out the command of her master.

She was not treated specially, but she was not treated badly as well.

Paulos was a man who has a firm believe of "how slaves must be", so she was able to live a very average life as a slave.

Figuratively speaking, it is the autumn in her four seasons of life.

Delfina stopped thinking and let herself carried out by the flow, and spent two years as a slave.

And finally, Paulos who have a firm believe of "how a knight must be", covered up his Lord with his own body in the battlefield, and gracefully died.

Because of the death of her Master, the House of Putremos that did not have a successor nor did have a wife had naturally disappeared, and she was sold away once again as a slave with the price of 1 Kre.

CHAPTER 146

DELFINA'S PAST (PART 3) ~ THE 1 KRE SLAVE

Traditionally in Aegina, most "slaves for the third time" are sold for 1 Kre.

Slaves are considered as luxury fortune, and their Masters would not let them go unless a considerable or grave thing has happened. By repeating that twice, the slaves sold out for the third time are branded as incompetent, and there is almost no one who would buy them even for the low price of 1 Kre.

Delfina was not branded as an incompetent, but she is in a situation where it would have been better if she would have been.

She had two Masters dying, and was seen as a plague which drove their Houses into inexistence.

Because of that, she was unable to be sold even as a 1-Kre-slave.

She was left behind while the others were bought one next to the other.

She continued to be left behind.



"Hey, have you heard? They're saying that tomorrow, this room will be [cleaned] up"

At the afternoon of that day, one slave suddenly said that.

Delfina who have shrunk into the corner waiting for her new Master raised her head and looked towards that conversation.

Three middle-aged female slaves gathered, and spoke like they are having an idle gossip.

"Cleaned up? Isn't that a good thing?"

"Well, this room is really bad after all. It would be great if they'd let us wash ourselves while their at it"

"What are you saying? It's not that kind of cleaning"

The slave who mentioned the rumor whispered to the other two.

"Eh~, no way!"

"That isn't cleaning, that's disposal"

"They're saying that [cleaning] is correct. Those 1 Kre slaves that won't get sold, they're less than trash because money is needed to pay for their food, so they're regularly [cleaning] them up"

"T-Then, if we were not sold today?"

"We're going to get... disposed of?"

"Everyone in here... one, two, three... all 31 of us"

It was a narrow room that they were packed in from the start. Their conversation was easily overheard, and other slaves started to join the conversation.

Delfina did not join them. She just listened to their conversation in the corner of the room while embracing her knees.

With just that conversation, she completely understood. It was originally a simple thing.

Cheap slaves that are sold by the lot. Just letting them eat to live would cost a lot of money.

Even if they were bought at a giveaway price, it would be a deficit after making them eat for a week.

And, they are just going to be "disposed of" before that.

"B-But, isn't that good too? We're going to be released after all. Though it's true that finding a new job starting from here is difficult..."

A timid slave in her twenties said. The middle-aged slaves who brought the rumors scoffed at her.

"You, you're an idiot huh. There's no way that we'll be released. If they do that, 1 Kre slaves wouldn't be sold even more, because people would find those released slaves"

"T-Then, disposed of means?"

"We're going to get killed"

"Ehhhhh?!"

It was not only the timid slave who screamed. Several others did as well.

It just means that the ones thinking that getting cleaned up is equal to getting released are that many.

From then on, it was a big chorus of screams and prayers.

Delfina only continued to embrace her knees, and did not think of anything.



In the afternoon of that day, the door of the jam-packed room opened.

Two men appeared from that door.

One is the man who manages this place, the one on the side of selling slaves.

The other one, he looks like a hoodlum no matter how you look at him. He was clearly someone who's running errands for someone else.

"One, two, three... 31 of them in total. Hurry up and choose"

"Yeah. For the meantime, here's 30 Kre. Count them while I'm choosing"

The man handed over a cloth bag and entered inside the room.

"He said 30 Kre"

"30 of us are going to be bought?"

"Then, I might get bought too"

The slaves who were making a commotion of being disposed of started murmuring with some hope.

30 of 31 people being bought means, they would be bought unless something they do something very grave, and they would not be disposed of.

The man who is on the buying side looked at the slaves one by one.

And finally, he stood in front of Delfina, and stared at her face after bending down.

"Have you decided?"

The man who finished counting the money asked from outside the room.

"Yeah. I'll take everyone other than this brat"

"You don't like her?"

"Yeah, she looks gloomy. Looks ominous too"

"You got it. That one's a plague who made two of her Masters die"

"He! Told ya"

"Hey you all—get out of the room other than that girl"

The slaves scrambled out of the room.

Since the topic about getting [cleaned] was brought up, the slaves felt like that room was a place that releases the smell of [death].

The probably wanted to get out of there as fast as possible.

The 30 of them left, and lastly, the man left as well.

The seller looked inside the room, looked at Delfina, and looked at the buyer.

"Hey, you'd like to get that as well? You bought 30 at once. I'll give you that as a service"

"Hah, idiot. Why the heck do you think I'm buying 1 Kre slaves. Of course it's to mess them up with low costs. Who'd pay money to increase the number of the dead"

"You don't mind even if it increased by one right?"

"I can tell what your aim is. You don't want to pay money for [cleaning] right?"

"Alright, alright. Hurry up and take those 30 with you"

"He! I'll come again"

The door closed, and Delfina was left alone.

The room that was narrow and packed earlier suddenly became full of space.

Delfina looked around the room with blank eyes.



As midnight approached, the door opened once again.

This time, there was only one. It was only the seller.

"Stand up, get out of the room"

The nature of absolute obedience as a slave made Delfina stand up.

She stood up, walked, and left the room.

"Really, what a troublesome thing you are. Tch, hurry up and walk"

There was the sound of the door being closed, and Delfina was kicked on her butt. She staggered, but started to walk just like she was ordered to.

"...where are we going?"

"Haa? It's in a good place, a great place. A dream-like place where you won't even feel pain"

"Heaven?"

"Yeah, that's right. Damn it, why the heck am I..."

The man continued to dribble down complaints.

"Am I going to get killed?"

"Yeah, that's right"

He answered with a more and more annoyed tone. He even stopped hiding it.

"Really, why the heck we're you left alone unbought. It would've been better if lots of you remained or all of you got bought"

While walking, Delfina started to think.

Her rusty head that she had not used when she was serving under her Master who was a knight started to work after a long time.

Why?

Why am I going to get killed? Because I was not bought, because I'm a 1 Kre slave.

Why was I not sold? Why is it 1 Kre? Why did I become a slave?

Taken to a place where people seldom visit, a place where weeds are growing up to the waist, the man suddenly took out a knife from his pocket.

Looking closely, there were several white bones on the ground.

It was "that" kind of place.

Bones and knife.

The smell of death approached Delfina.

"Don't resist, I'll put you out of misery at once"

"—!!"

Naturally, Delfina ran away.

On the verge of death, she desperately ran away.

"You won't get away. This is that kind of place"

Although annoyed, the man chased after calmly.

Delfina desperately ran. She continued to run, run, and run.

Suddenly, she stumbled to something and fell to the ground.

She stumbled to the ground face first. She endured the pain and looked at what tripped her.

It was a skeleton.

Something was stuck in that skeleton.

Similar, but rustier than the knife that the man held.

And while she thought of that, the man caught up to her. The man held a knife on one hand, and made Delfina stand up by grabbing her hair with the other.

"Stand up now—ughuh!!"

She instinctively grabbed the knife and stabbed the man.

The rusty knife pierced into the man's body after some resistance.

"You, brat..."

The man looked at the knife that was stabbed into his own body unbelievably.

Delfina ran away. She pushed off the man's body and ran away.

Along the way, she tripped on a skeleton and stumbled on the ground, but she did not mind it and desperately ran away.

I'll die if I don't run now, I don't wanna die.

She ran away with only that in mind.

"Kyaa!"

The ground suddenly disappeared, and a sudden fall attacked Delfina.

Because of the weeds growing up to her waist, she was unable to see the cliff in front of her.

Delfina fell rolling down that cliff.



"...I'm alive"

When her consciousness returned, she saw the white moon hanging up in the sky. She felt pain from all over her body, but because of that, she felt that she was alive.

"...why?"

Her body would not move, but instead, her head did its job well.

Her brain that was released after a long time regained its sharpness, and started to ask [why] towards everything.

Why did I fall, why is this happening to me, why am I living such a life.

[Why] towards everything that she could think of. She thought of many, many things, and finally, her thoughts—it gathered to "why is this happening to me?".

Because I was not bought for 1 Kre.

Because my Masters died in succession.

Because I entrusted my own life to others after being sold as a slave.

Why did it become like that, why.

"Because... I do not have money"

The answer that came up from all of those questions, it's because I do not have money.

The fourteen years of my life, most of the problems would have been solved "if I had money".

"If I only have money"

She whispered in delirium.

And, her thoughts fell into its place.

It fell into "if I only have money".

Just like her Master had once told her, she threw a [why] towards that, but it did not change.

"If I only have money"

She whispered once again. It sounded to her as if it was the truth.

Delfina Lanmari, 14-years-old.

"If only have money"

It was the instant the girl who shall be called "Homers(money monger)" was born spiritually.

CHAPTER 147 THE BILLIONAIRE DELFINA

I let Delfina lie down on the bed and clad myself with the dark cloak aura.

I reached out an aura hand, grabbed her head, and "pulled".

I felt something budge, and pulled out that dark thing inside Delfina.

[You've gotten used to it]

"Well, if it's this much"

[Rather, it seemed like you were used to it from the start. Have you done something similar?]

"n? Ahh, it's somewhat similar to taking out the insides of a snail?"

I searched my memories after being told by Eleanor. It's a little different, but from how it feels, that's the nearest thing.

[Kukuku, what a unique comparison. I feel very sorry for that woman who's compared to a snail]

"It was you who forced me to make a comparison"

I flicked Delfina with a finger and a clear, beautiful sound echoed throughout the room.

I let go of the dark haze. It floated in the air and flew around the room like a balloon riding an air current.

It also approached Delfina, but it did not possess her again(it did try, but I stopped it), and just floated around.

Finally, it gradually melted in the air, and disappeared without a trace.

[It looks like it does not return to its previous host]

"That seems to be the case"

[It is almost the same with that thing you took out from that man. Also the same with

those guys up until now. This, it should be described as proliferation, not division]

"You're saying that the same thing would be born from inside a human after clearing some condition?"

[From how the situation looks like, that is]

"It would be useless if it wasn't eradicated at once huh"

[Or maybe, eradicating the source that exists somewhere should do]

"Does it exist? A source"

[It should]

I felt like Eleanor rolled her eyes and scoffed.

[It smells like its cultured. It shouldn't be naturally occurring]

"Just like how you did once upon a time, huh"

[Hmph]

Eleanor did not affirm or deny it, but it seems to be like that.

It is very convincing if she could tell because she had done it before.

"We're going to root it out. That source"

[I thought you'd say that]

Eleanor's enjoyed laugh echoed inside my head.

After a while, Delfina woke up.

She opened her eyes, and with slightly blank eyes, she looked around.

"Kakeru... sama"

"You woke up huh. How are you feeling?"

"...I'm still, alive huh"

"You might be already dead, and this might already be the underworld though"

"Please stop joking. There is no way that something would happen to you and fall into

the underworld. As long as Kakeru-sama is here, this must still be the mortal world"

"How naive"

"What do you mean?"

"I might've found a way and invaded the underworld you know?"

"I see. That is right. That is quite possible"

Delfina raised her body while smiling.

Her complexion wasn't that good, but it wasn't that bad as well.

It's like she had just recovered from a light cold.

"...heard"

"n?"

"Have you heard, the story already? From that man"

"Nope. He lost his consciousness after I took out that dark thing, he still hasn't wake up"

"Is that so..."

"Do you know him?"

"I had just met him once in the past. Nothing much that I could call as an acquaintance"

"What's it's all about, that 1 Kre thing that he was making a fuss off. Kre, it's that right? Aegina's unit of money"

"Yes"

Delfina smiled. With the most self-deprecating smile that she had shown me.

"I, I have been put on sale for 1 Kre for once. On top of that, I was not bought"

"I see. That man was someone who failed to buy you at that time huh"

"Yes"

"That guy, what a wasteful thing he had done. If he had bought you for 1 Kre at that time, it would have multiplied millions of times"

"I wonder if it did"

Delfina smiled gracefully.

She stared at me smilingly.

Just silently, without any words.

"What is it?"

"Kakeru-sama"

She called my name.

With a serious tone that she had never shown, with straight, challenging eyes.

"Why, do you wish to buy me?"

"Because you're a good woman"

"Although you can obtain me without buying me?"

[Kukuku, after all, her heart had fallen to you a long time ago]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger. Read the atmosphere.

"Why, do you accompany me with that rule that I made, and try to buy me? Why, do you not, use force. Why, do you not try to obtain me by clouding the issue"

"Because you're a good woman"

"Eh?"

I repeated the same words, and Delfina looked dumbfounded and speechless.

"I would make love with good women while they are good women. That's why I'll accompany you to whatever it is. No one eats their food raw because it's troublesome, although they know that it's the most delicious when it's cooked"

"Just for that reason... you are accompanying me with that troublesome condition?" [She's conscious about it being troublesome huh~]

I made Eleanor who completely can't read the mood shut up with a flick of a finger.

"Yeah, that's right"

"Kakeru-sama..."

Delfina stared at me.



Delfina Homers(money monger) Lanmari.

It was not like she had never had doubted the way that she lives.

Although she treats money as everything, she also understands that "buying her together with all of her assets" is just a meaningless obstinacy.

Even so, she could not stop it.

There are times when she thought she should stop it. That only increased since he met the Demon Sword Wielder, and got her purity stolen together with her heart.

It was not once or twice that she thought of taking back her words. She has also thought that, just like the other women, moaning under a man unconditionally might be full of happiness as well.

Even so, she got stubborn, thinking that she must be a woman fitting the Demon Sword Wielder.

Delfina swayed between the gap of her stubbornness and true feelings.

Those stubbornness and true feelings, they are just about to become one.



"Kakeru-sama"

"n?"

"Will you really, buy me?"

"I'm planning to"

"No matter how much it would cost?"

"Yeah"

"Even if I resist that and increase my assets even more?"

"The better the woman you are, the better it is"

"I'm... seriously going to resist, you know?"

"Weren't you serious up until now?"

"Gaining profits with a vague picture, and gaining profits to gain profits is different"

"I see"

I don't really get it, it's the same conversation that we had done before, but the seriousness that I could feel from Delfina is completely different.

She would gain more profits to be bought more expensive.

She is asking, "it would go farther and farther away from that the more I do my best, but is it alright to do my best?"

My answer, of course.

"Do it seriously"

"Kakeru-sama is really a strange person"

"Really? It's just normal right"

"Even if, I ask Kakeru-sama's cooperation?"

"Cooperation? What is it, tell me"

"Would you like to buy me? Ten thousand Kre for every one night, with cash"

Delfina stared straight at me.

Those eyes of hers were terrifyingly serious.

"It's like you're talking about prostitutes"

"A super high-class prostitute, that is. Ten thousand Kre for each night, you could buy ten thousand girls from the outskirts with that"

"If I pay that with cash, it would become your asset as well, huh"

"Yes. While I am at it, I would be able to decrease Kakeru-sama's fortune"

"The difference would get bigger with the plus and minus huh"

Interesting. As I've thought, Delfina's interesting.

And... she's a good woman.

Different from the other girls, but a good woman.

I wanted her more and more.

"What do you think?"

"I'll buy you"

"Really?"

"Yeah. Come to me anytime if you want to sell"

"Kakeru-sama is... really a strange person"

Delfina who whispered that, had eyes that looked like she is completely infatuated.



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